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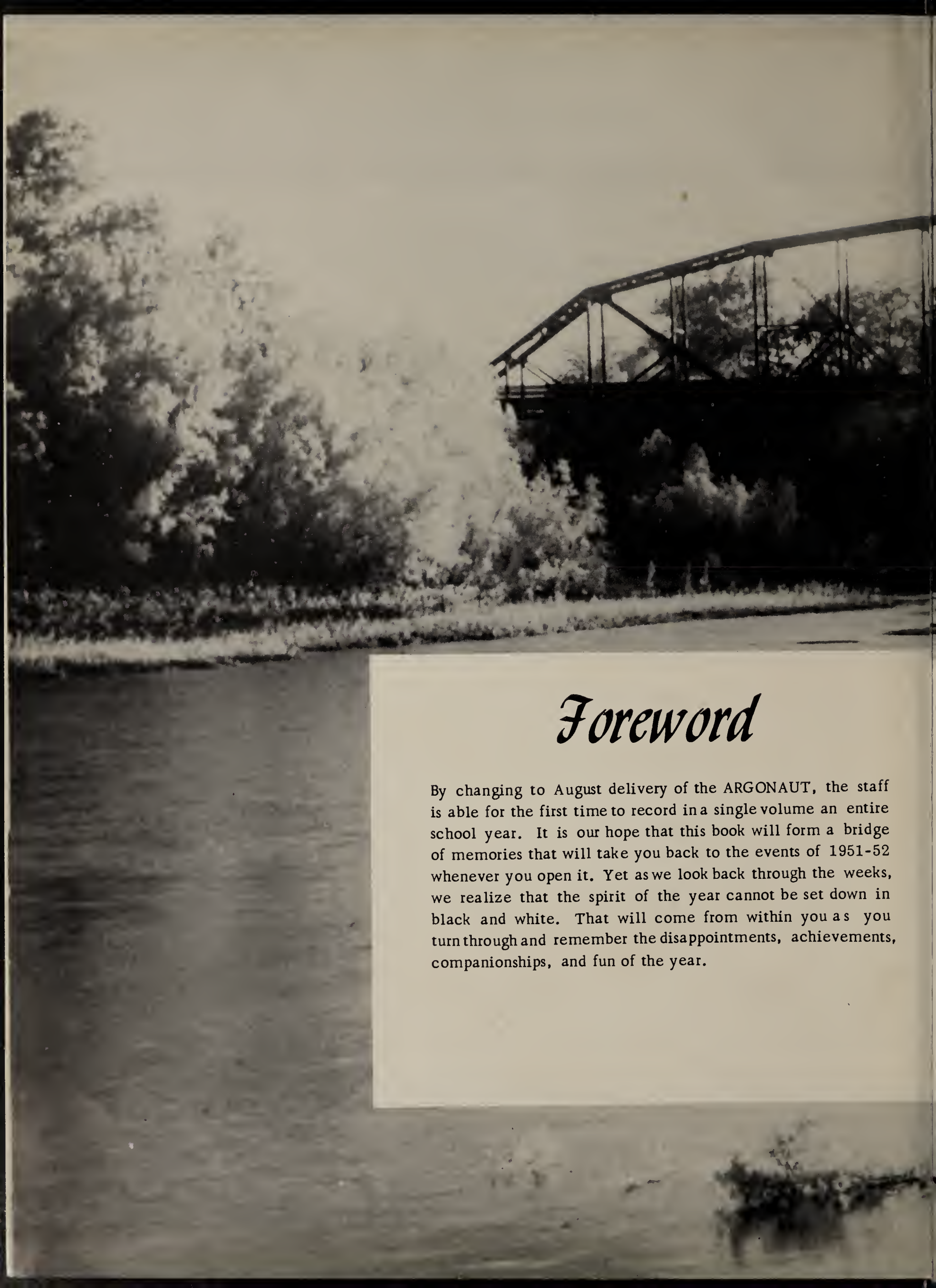

Foreword

By changing to August delivery of the ARGONAUT, the staff is able for the first time to record in a single volume an entire school year. It is our hope that this book will form a bridge of memories that will take you back to the events of 1951-52 whenever you open it. Yet as we look back through the weeks, we realize that the spirit of the year cannot be set down in black and white. That will come from within you as you turn through and remember the disappointments, achievements, companionships, and fun of the year.

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We reluctantly answer the summons of first period bell, spend the morning at classes and in the library,

relax on the grass after lunch, hurry through more classes and dash in from a sixth period swimming class, so we can rush back to the bus for the trip home.

Dedication

Not only for superior classroom instruction, but also for the many, many intangibles of her personality that have made her an inspiring teacher, we lovingly dedicate the 1952 ARGONAUT to Mrs. Mary Lois Sanders.

Administration

Board of Education

THOMAS ABELL
President

L. W. ATKINSON

OREN FRAZIER

The present board of education has been active in a building program that has relieved crowded conditions by construction of additional classrooms and has added greatly to the attractiveness and convenience of existing buildings. The repaired and remodeled Wharton High School building shown on the cover and the $400,000, eighteen classroom Wharton Intermediate School pictured here are the results of their interest and efforts.

Above: B. D. KING, JR., JOHN REDING, MAYNARD SMITH, Secretary. Below: HENRY STOLLE, Vice President.

Superintendent

C. GRAVES SIVELLS, JR.

Principal

JULIUS GENSBERG

Faculty

JESSE BUFFINGTON
Vocational Agriculture
Sponsor FFA
Tenth Grade Sponsor

MAX A. CARVER
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Head Coach
Chemistry

JAMES H. CODY
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Social Studies
Driver Education
Assistant Coach
Ninth Grade Sponsor

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Librarian

SUETIE HEWITT
Junior High English
Latin

EDWIN KLINGSPORN
Commercial Subjects

Faculty

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Stenography
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Home Economics
FHA Sponsor

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Reading and Spelling
English

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World, American, and
Texas History

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Reading
Spelling

SYLVAN MIORI
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Senior Sponsor
Coach

Faculty

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Tiger Tales and
Forensic Club Sponsor

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Junior Band, Junior Choir
Elementary English
Seventh Grade Sponsor

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Mathematics

ELMA H. MORRIS
Spanish
Annual and Junior Sponsor
Quill and Scroll

BEVERLY NELSON
Physical Education, Health
Freshman Sponsor

MARY C. SANDERS
English
Senior Sponsor

Faculty

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Arithmetic

M. L. SYMMANK
P. E.
Eighth Grade Sponsor

JOE H. URBANOVSKY
Band
Choir
Junior Sponsor

PATTYE DAVE WARD
Arithmetic
Algebra

MARGIE WESTMORELAND
Social Studies
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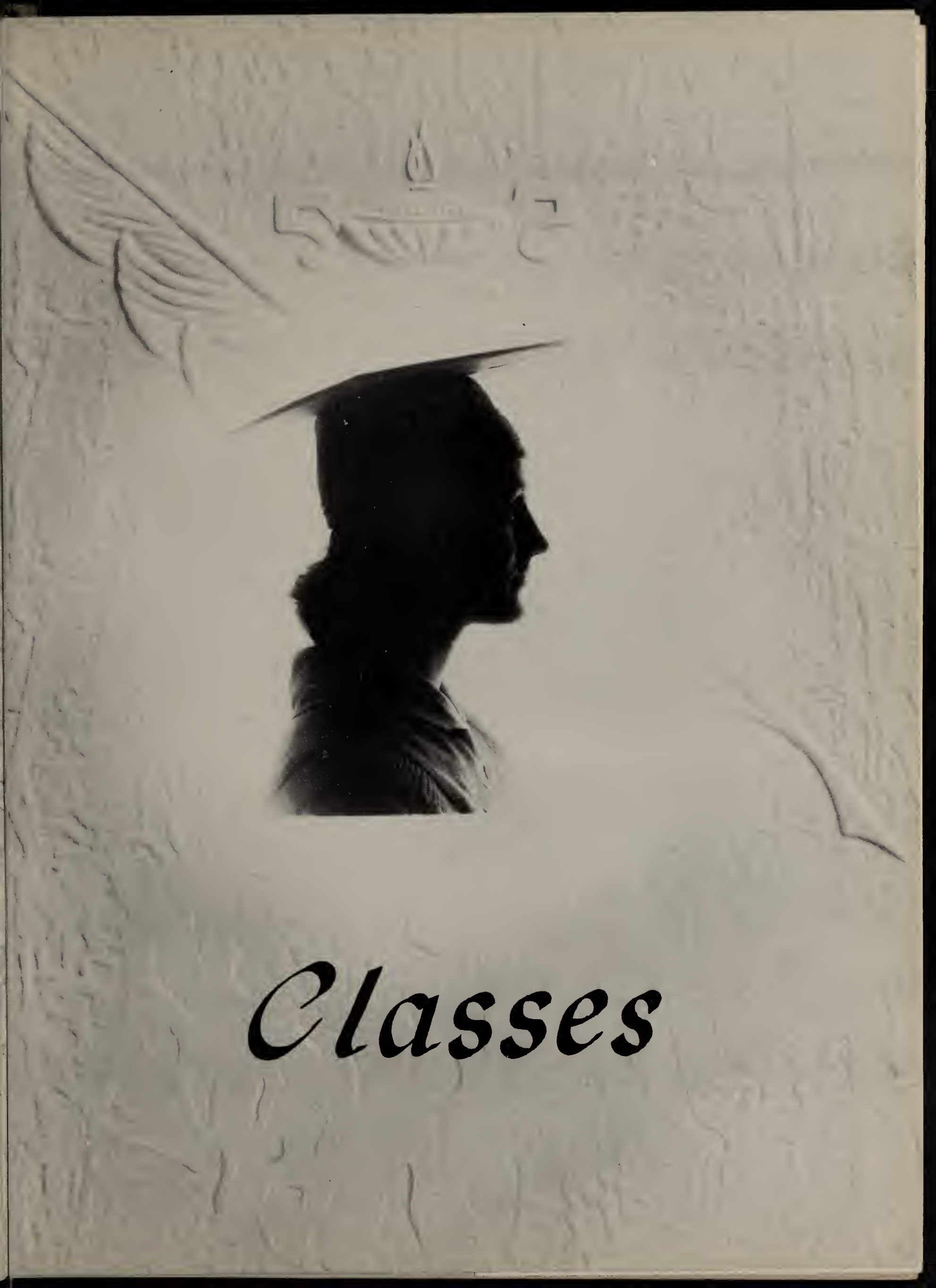
Tenth Grade Sponsor



Classes

Pat, Carl, Dorothy and La Rue prepare for that important day.

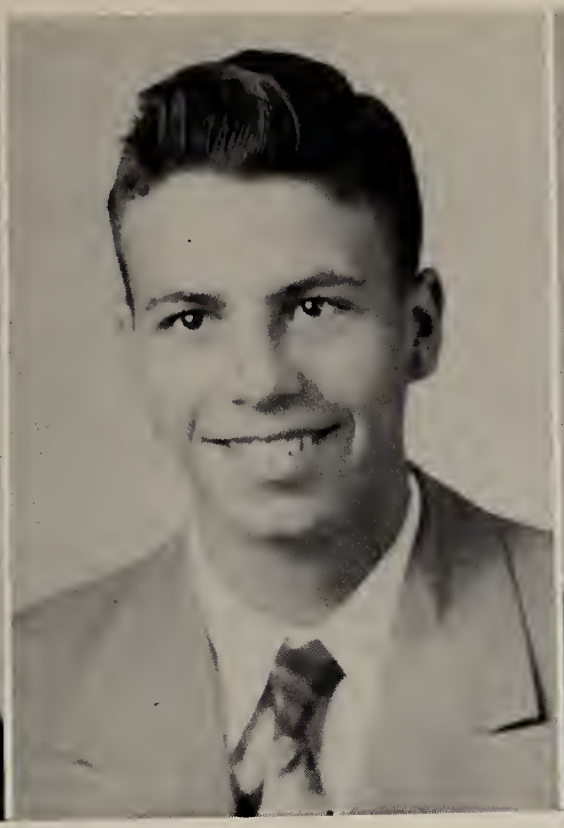
CLASS OFFICERS

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - LA RUE FELDER
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - CARL REYNOLDS
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - DOROTHY BULLER
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - PAT MORRIS

The seniors were especially active at extra-curricular activities, with large numbers in the band and choir and on all athletic teams. Much of the work on the yearbook and newspaper was done by seniors. All this and courses too!

Leading up to the climax of graduation were aptitude tests and career counseling, Career Day in Houston, the senior play, "Green Valley," the senior day trip, and the Dutch banquet and dance given by the juniors.

CONCHITA BARBOSA
Spanish Club I; Argonaut Staff IV.



EDGAR BARKER
Spanish Club I; Forensic Club IV; Band I-III; Basketball I-IV; Choir III.

CHARLES M. BLACK
Vice President II; FFA I-II; Football II-IV; Basketball II-III; Tennis I.

Seniors

As the Class of 1951 filed out to the traditional "War March of the Priests," we became the Senior Class.

DOROTHY BULLER
Secretary IV; Newspaper IV; Spanish Club I-II; Forensic Club President IV; Favorite II; Band I-IV; Favorite IV; Choir I-IV; Who's Who IV; All-State Choir IV; Argonaut IV; Fair Princess II-III; Girls' Trio.

BOBBY LEE BUFF
Lane City Transfer 48; Forensic Club IV; FFA Club I-III; FFA Certificate of Merit.

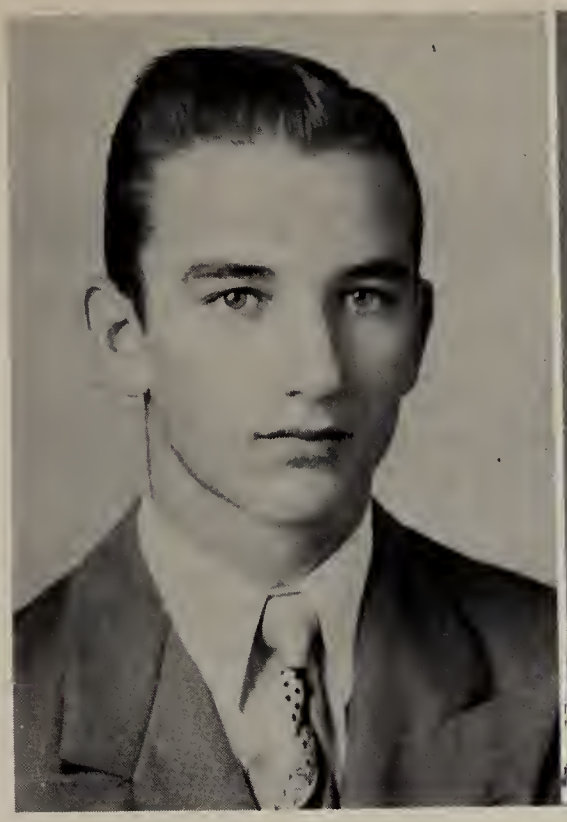
JANET CHADWICK
Treasurer II; Argonaut I-IV; Newspaper IV; Spanish Club I-II; Forensic Club IV; Office Assistant IV; Band I-IV; Choir I-IV; Girls' Trio II-IV; Student Council I.

TRELDON CUTBIRTH
Argonaut III-IV; Football II-IV; Basketball II-III; Track III-IV; Baseball II-IV; Tennis I-II; Band I-II; U.D.C. Award III; Student Council I.

MILDRED BERNICE DLUHOS
Secretary II; Vice President III; Argonaut III-IV; Newspaper IV; Science Club I; Spanish Club II; Tennis I-III; Favorite I; Choir I-IV; Student Council I; FFA Sweetheart II; Girls' Trio and Sextet II-III.

Seniors

The new summer uniforms for the band proved to be attractive and comfortable.



LA RUE FELDER
President IV; Argonaut I-IV; Quill and Scroll III-IV; Football II-IV; Baseball I-IV; Basketball II-III; Favorite I; Who's Who IV.

JOYCE FOSTER
Secretary-Treasurer I; Secretary III; Honor Award I-III; Spanish Club II; President; Science Club I; Secretary-Treasurer; Office Assistant III-IV; Tennis I; Who's Who III; Band II-III; Choir I-III; Beauty II.

DONALD GUESS
Crescent Transfer 49; Argonaut III-IV; FFA II; Football II-IV; Basketball II-IV; Baseball II.

Seniors

The band built school spirit by playing at all football games.

VLASTA DOLORIES HAVRAN
Lane City Transfer 47; FHA II-IV; Vice President IV; Volleyball IV.

GEORGE EDWARD HINZE
Victoria Transfer 50; FFA I; Football II-IV; Track III-IV; Band I.

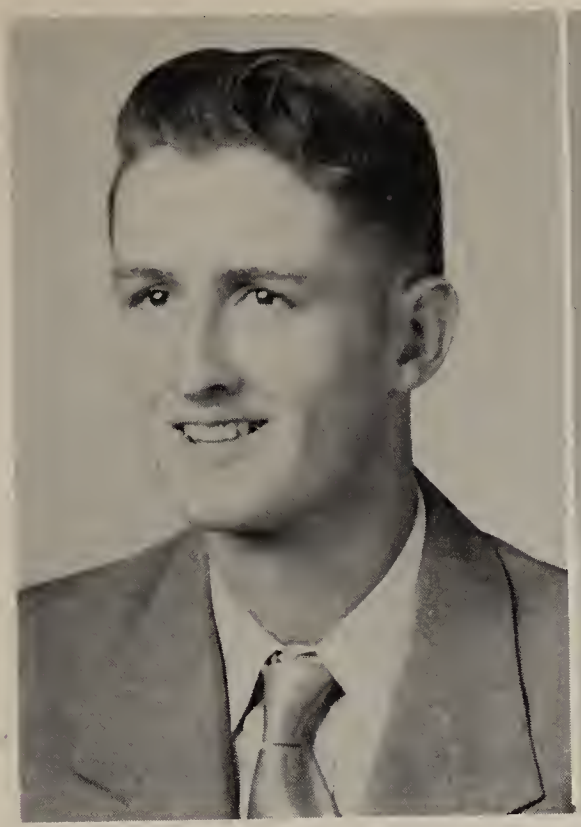
DORIS HORTON
Honor Award III; Newspaper IV; Science Club I; Spanish Club II; Office Assistant IV; Volleyball I; Choir I-III; Cheerleader IV.

JEROME J. JANSKY
Football I-II.

ANN JOHNSTON
Newspaper IV; Science Club I; Office Assistant I, IV; Tennis I-IV; Volleyball I-IV; Who's Who III-IV; Choir II-III; Cheerleader II-IV; FFA Sweetheart IV.

Seniors

The grand march at the 1952 Junior-Senior Banquet.



JOE JOINES
Newspaper IV; Forensic Club IV; FFA I-IV; Vice President II; President III; Treasurer IV; Football I; FFA Certificate of Merit.

LEONARD KOEHNE, JR.
FFA Club I-IV; Forensic Club IV.

LILLIAN MARIE KONVICKA
FHA II-IV; Song Leader III; Volleyball II.

Seniors

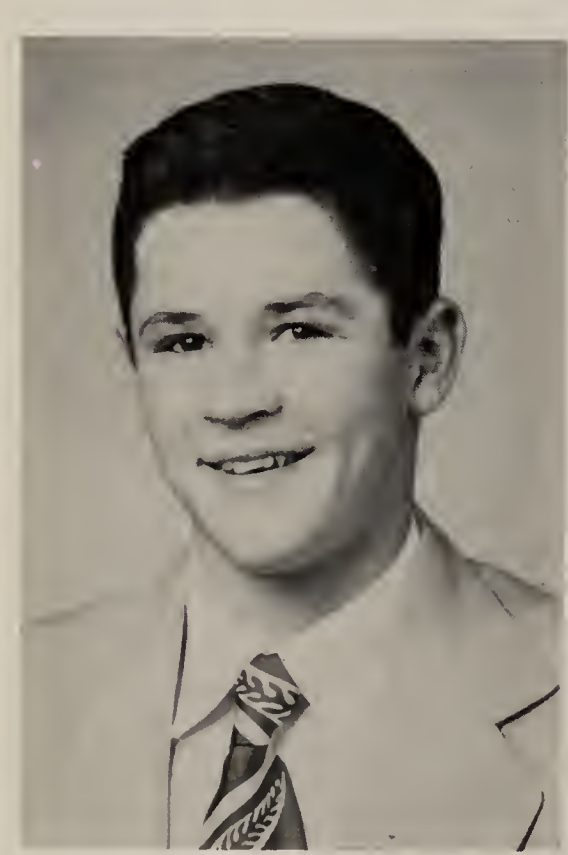
Dancing to Tee Tieman's orchestra followed the Old South Banquet given by the class of '52.

MARY ANN KONVICKA
Argonaut IV; FHA Club II-IV; Treasurer IV; Volleyball III-IV; Favorite IV.

BETTY KRAMR
Newspaper IV; Science Club I; Spanish Club II; Forensic Club III; Tennis I-II; Volleyball I; Choir I-III; Girls' Trio and Sextet II-III

IRENE MARGARET KRAUSE
FHA Club III-IV; Volleyball II-III; Manager IV.

MAURICE LEVINE
Hollywood Transfer 50; Forensic Club IV; Football III-IV; Track III-IV.



BILL McDADE
El Campo Transfer 51; Football IV; Track IV; Basketball IV.

Seniors

The University of Houston gave a battery of achievement and aptitude tests to seniors. Individual career counseling used test results.

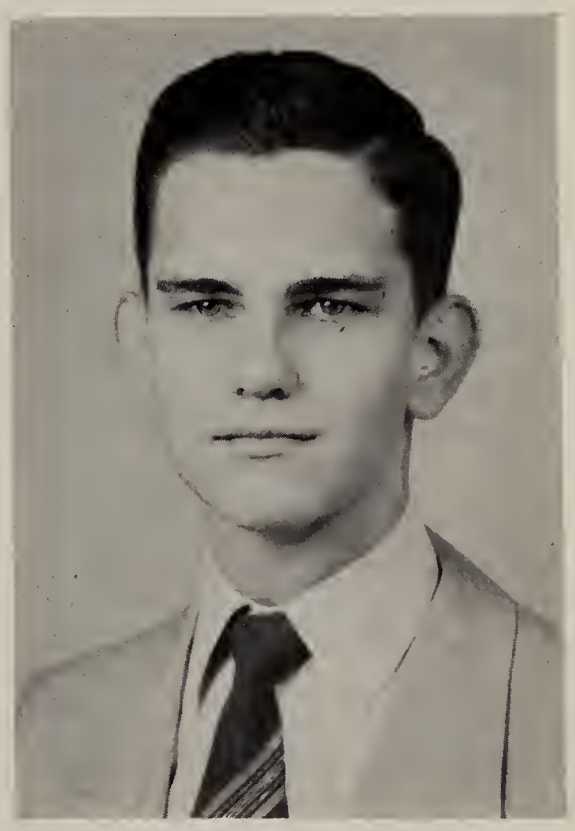
JERRY ANN McMICKEN
Boling Transfer 50; FHA III; Band III-IV; Choir III-IV.

JOYCE MARIE MACHA
Hungerford Transfer 50; Argonaut IV; Forensic Club IV; FHA III-IV; Volleyball III; Choir III-IV; Library Assistant.

ANTONIO MARQUEZ
El Campo Transfer 51; Forensic Club IV; Spanish Club IV.

Seniors

Dr. Stovall explains test procedures to Joyce Foster, Conchita Sosa and Vivian Stammann.



LARKIN MARQUESS
Argonaut III-IV; Slide Rule Club II; Science Club I; Forensic Club III; Honor Award II-III; Quill and Scroll IV.

CHARLES MATTHYS
President I-II; Honor Award II; Argonaut III; Newspaper Editor IV; Spanish Club I; President I; Science Club I; Basketball I-IV; Baseball I-IV; Band I-IV; Choir I-IV; President IV.

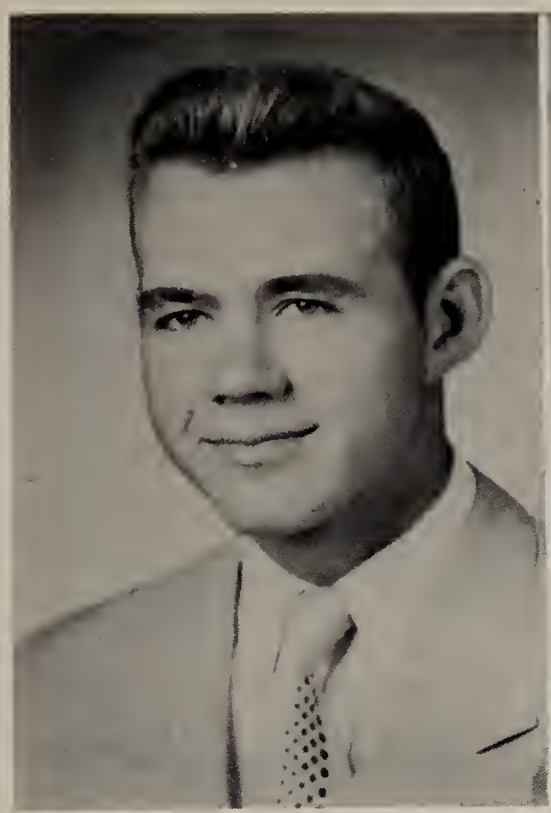
AILEEN MATULA
Treasurer III; Argonaut II-IV; Newspaper IV; Science Club I; Spanish Club II; Quill and Scroll III-IV; Forensic Club IV; Tennis I-II; Volleyball I; Choir I-IV; Cheerleader IV; Girls' Sextet and Trio II-III.

DANIEL MENDOZA
Forensic Club IV; Band I-IV; Choir II-IV.

LOUIS J. MICHULKA
Honor Award I; Science Club I; Band I, II, IV; Choir I, II, IV.

Seniors

Conchita Sosa, Sarah Stallings, Pat Morris and Aileen Matula display some illuminated original poems and Chaucerian dolls made by English literature classes.



RAYMOND LOUIS MISKA
Vice President I; FFA I-II; Football I-IV; Track II-IV.

PATRICIA MORRIS
Treasurer IV; Argonaut I-IV; Newspaper IV; Honor Award I, II; Spanish Club I-II; Rep. II; Office Assistant III-IV; Volleyball I; Who's Who IV; Band I-IV; Choir I-IV; Girls' Trio II-IV.

ARTHUR NEWLIN
Football II-IV; Favorite II; Band I-IV.

Seniors

The annual and newspaper staffs joined schools of this area for a journalism workshop at W.C.J.C. Here Mrs. Monkhouse, Barbara Roth, Pat Morris and Janet Chadwick relax between sessions.

LODELL RAMSOWER
Newspaper IV; FHA I; Forensic Club IV; Tennis I; Favorite III; Band I-IV; Twirler IV; Choir I-IV; Secretary-Treasurer IV; Fair Princess IV; Beauty II.

CARL REYNOLDS, JR.
Vice President IV; Science Club I; Football II-IV; Track II-IV; Basketball II-IV; Baseball I-IV; Who's Who IV.

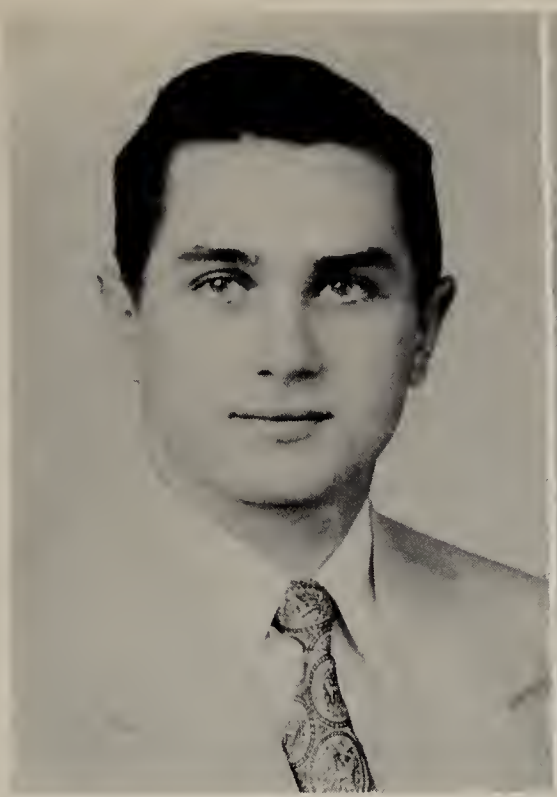
BARBARA MARCIA ROTH
Argonaut II-IV; Newspaper IV; Spanish Club I-II; Office Assistant III-IV; Tennis II; Volleyball I; Band I-IV; Choir I-IV; Quill and Scroll IV.

JOHN SANDERS
Temple Transfer 49; Argonaut II, IV; Newspaper IV; Football II; Basketball II, IV; Baseball II-IV; Who's Who IV; Band II-IV; Choir II-IV.

BETTY ANN SHOPPA
Newspaper IV; Band I, II, IV; Twirler I, II, IV; Choir I-II.

Seniors

Junior boys present a skit from GONE WITH THE WIND at the Junior-Senior Banquet of 1951.



FRANK SORREL
President III; Argonaut IV; Newspaper IV; Football II-IV; Favorite III; Who's Who III; Band I-IV; Favorite IV; Choir IV; U.D.C. Award III; Student Council II.

CONCHITA SOSA
Spanish Club I-II; Choir I.

SARAH ANN STALLINGS
Honor Award I-III; Argonaut II, IV; Newspaper I, II, IV; Assistant Editor IV; Spanish Club I-II; Vice President I; Who's Who III-IV; Band I-IV; President IV; Choir I-IV; Secretary II; Vice President and Accompanist IV; Library Assistant III-IV; Trio III-IV; Quill and Scroll IV.

Seniors

Honor Graduates Vivian Stammann, Sarah Stallings, Charles Matthys, Joyce Foster, and Louis Michulka.

VIVIAN STAMMANN
FHA III-IV; President IV; Office Assistant I; Volleyball II-IV; Who's Who IV.

SIDONIA STAVINOHA
Lane City Transfer 48; FHA Club I-III; Volleyball II-IV.

FRANK CHARLES SVATEK
Band I-IV; Choir I-III.

GEORGE TRIPULAS
Forensic Club IV; Football I.

DOROTHY ZAHN
Science Club I; Spanish Club II; FHA IV; Forensic Club IV; Volleyball III, IV; Choir I-III; Argonaut IV.

Seniors

The class of '52 poses for a last picture.

Kappy, Zack, Peggy and Anne make candy to sell for banquet funds.

JUNIOR OFFICERS

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - ZACK BELCHER
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - - ANNE DERDEN
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - PEGGY CLINE
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - KAPPY KILLIN

Junior efforts for the year were concentrated on preparing for the Junior-Senior Banquet. They ran the "coke" machine, sold slogan ribbons, and gave a most successful Junior Jamboree.

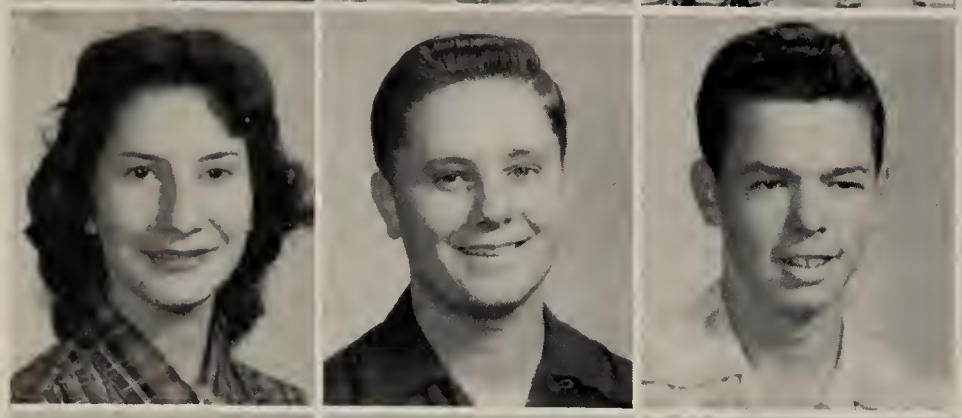
The Seniors agreed that the turkey dinner, beautiful decorations and dance music by the Skyliners made it a party worth remembering.

Juniors

DONALD ALLEN

ELIAS BALLEJO

STANLEY BEDYNEK



LUCY BELASQUEZ

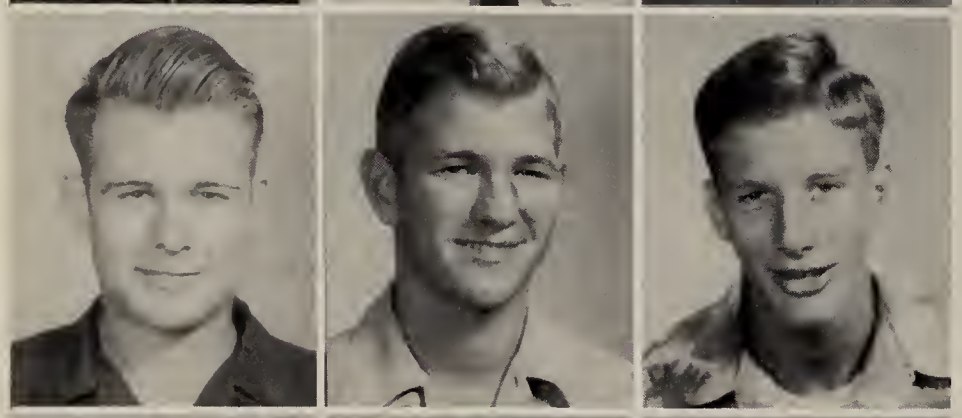
ZACK BELCHER

CHARLES BELL

NORMAN BERGMANN

MARY LILLIAN BLASINGAME

RUTH LA VERN BRANDT



BEN BREDER

CHARLES BUCEK

CHARLES BUEHRING

PEGGY CLINE

SEALY COOPER

BILLIE DAVIDSON

ANNE DERDEN

LE ROY DORNAK

BILLY DORRIS

Juniors

NORBERT ERDELT

CLARENCE ERMIS

DENNIS FRAUENBERGER

SHIRLEY GIRNDT

DONALD GOODE

MARY FRANCES HALLFORD

TONY HAMILTON

JANICE HAYHURST

ERNEST HOFFMAN

LYNDON HOLCOMB

DAVID HUEBNER

MILDRED JANIK

Ben's poster for Drivers' Education is such a forceful warning that Officers McWhirter and Caldwell took it to the convention in Austin.

Juniors

EDNA JASEK

JERRY JONES

PAT KETON

KAPPY KILLIN

GORDON KOONCE

LEO KUTACH

WILLIAM LANE

LLOYD LAPEROUSE

GEORGE LEGLER

KARL LUCO

MABEL McMICKEN

MARLENE MAZEK

THOMAS MILLS

ALLEN RAY MOERS

MARY KAY MORGAN

EDDIE PILCIK

FRANKLIN POLASEK

JOHNNIE POLASEK

Juniors

LOU ANN PONDER

MARY JANE POOL

FRANCES RUGELEY

SAMMY SAMOHYL

FRANCES SCHALLER

CAROLINE SEMBERA

RICHARD SLAUGHTER

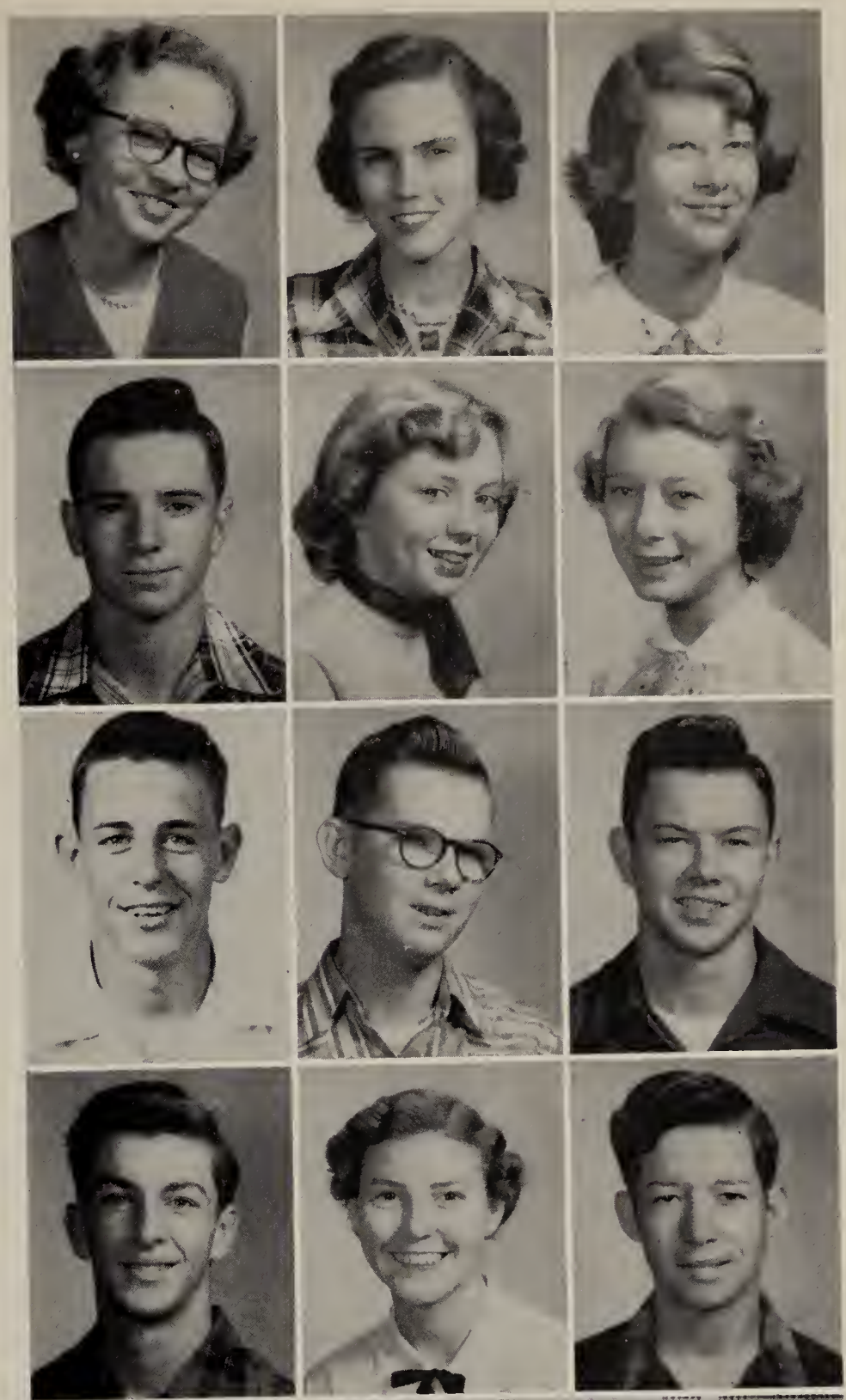
LEON SPENCE

FRANK SPURNY

DAVID STEWART

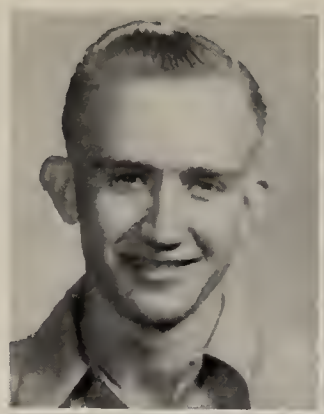
LORRAINE SVATEK

JAMES TAYLOR



Anne Derden, Dee Russel McElroy, Naomi Lopez and Jerry Jones are absorbed in a dissection in biology lab.

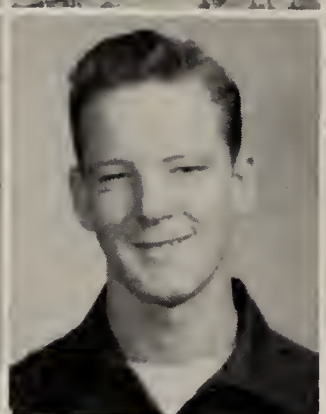
Juniors



JIMMY TIMMERMAN

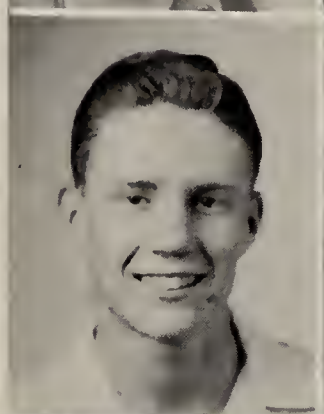
JOHNNY TROW

VERNON ULLMANN

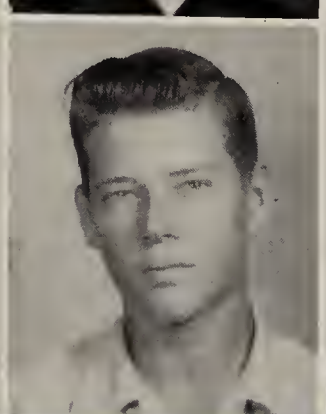


MAURICE WAKEFIELD

CHARLIE WILLIAMS



DICKIE WILLIAMS

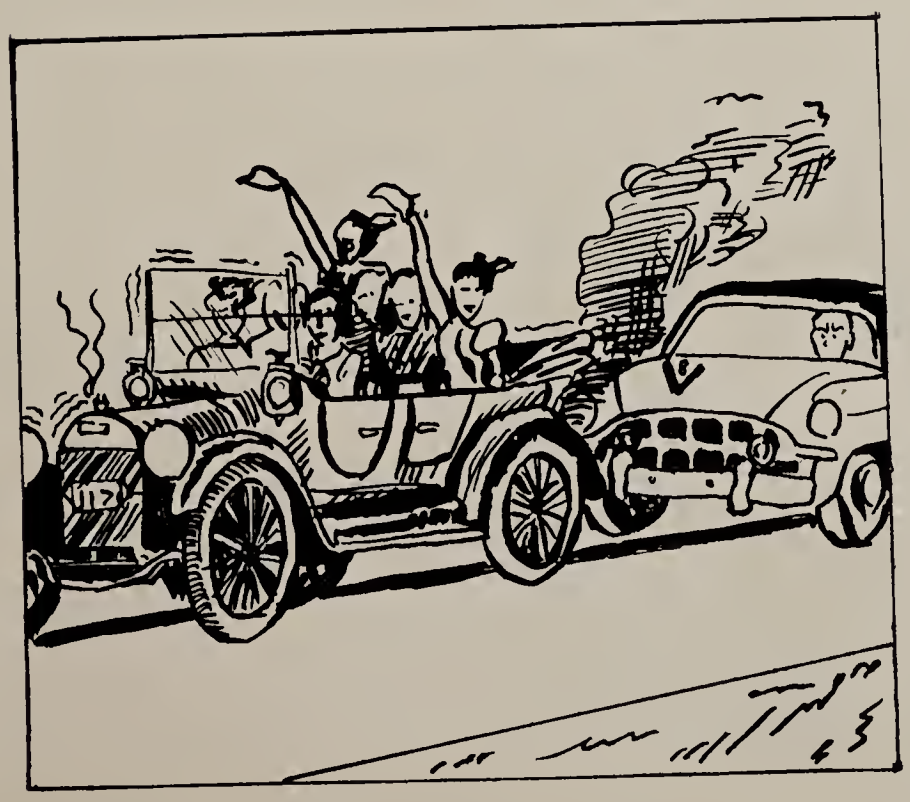


LEONARD WITTIG

MARY ANN ZUBICEK

Posters made by Betty McDade and Maria Mendoza illustrate the two-fold role of Spanish for vocabulary and for knowledge of cultural background.

Dee Russel, Shirley and Emily study the procedure of threading the motion picture machine.



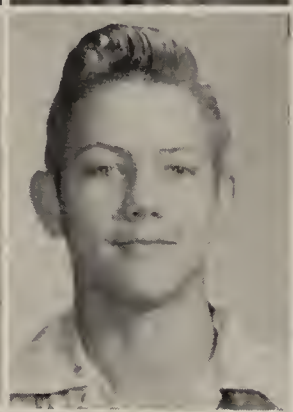
SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Shirley Frazier
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - Dee Russel McElroy
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Emily Davidson

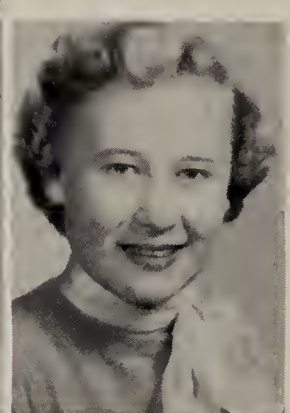
The sophomore class seems to be very musical, as the majority of its members participate in choir and band. They are also vocational-minded for they make up a large part of the FFA and FHA. For all-round balance they add members to the tennis, volleyball, basketball, football and track teams.

Sophomores

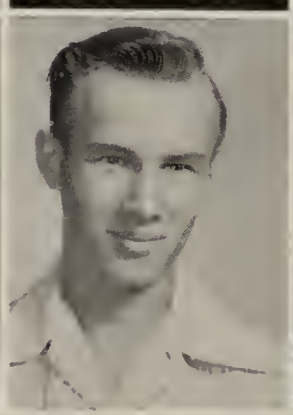
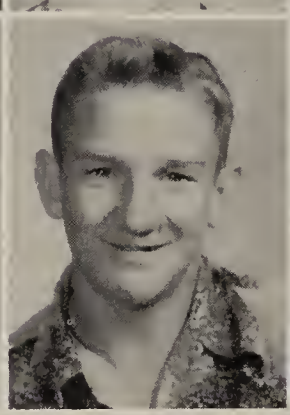
Darrell Anderson
Shirley Baca
Andrew Bennetsen



Yvonne Bennetsen
John Boone
Billy Casey



Sue Chamblee
Emily Colton
Leon Contreras
Emily Davidson

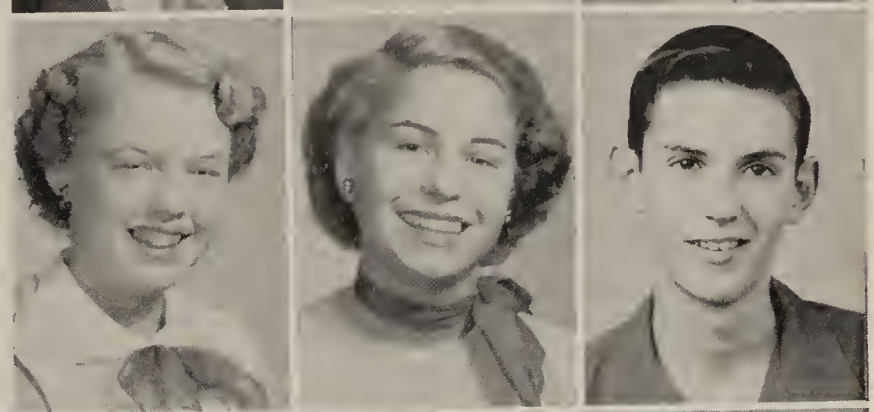
Jacquelyn Davidson
Eugene Dluhos
Bruce Felder
Shirley Frazier

Carole, Betty Nan, Agnes and Sandra illustrate to the class the relationship of Latin to English vocabulary.

Sophomores

Catalina Garcia
Bruce Gilmer
Raymond Gonzales

Kay Goodwin
Sandra Green
Earl Hager



Jimmy Hankins
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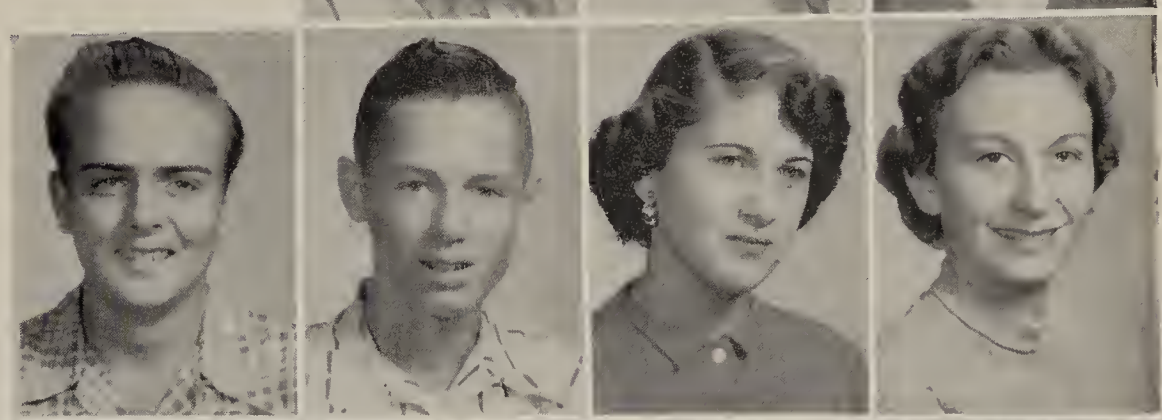

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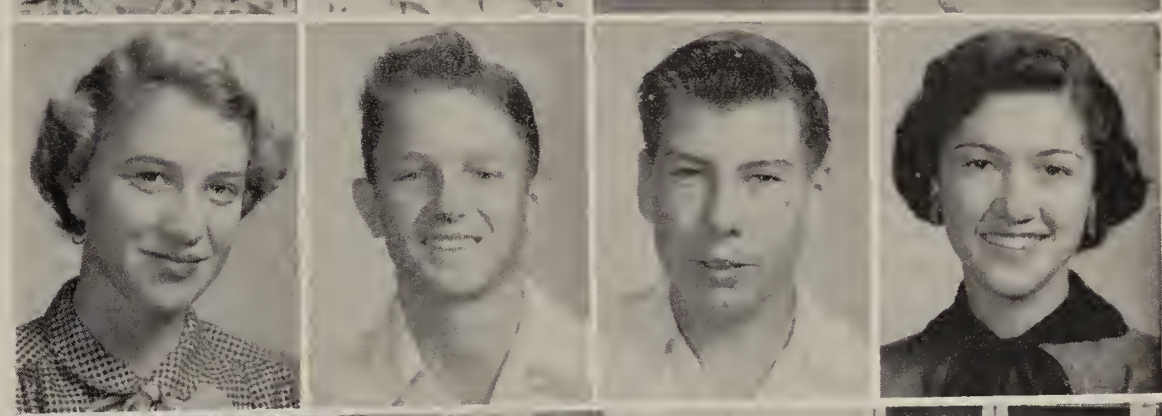
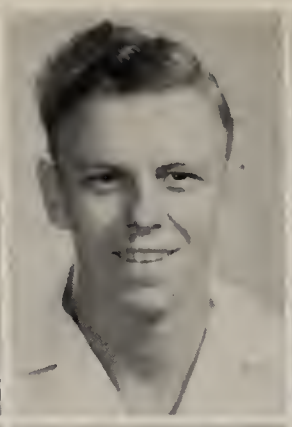
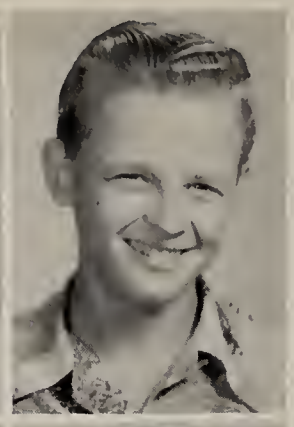


Barbara Roth, Larkin Marquess and Conchita Barbosa are among those taking a second year of typing for added speed and accuracy.

Sophomores

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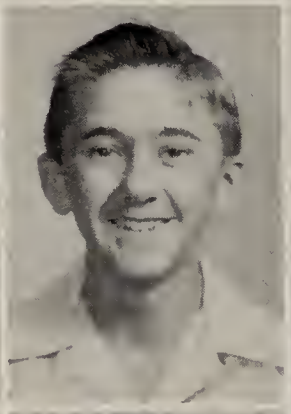
Carline Krause
Lillie Mae Krause



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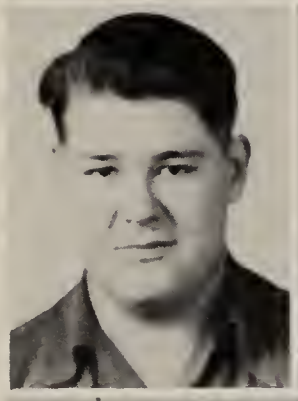
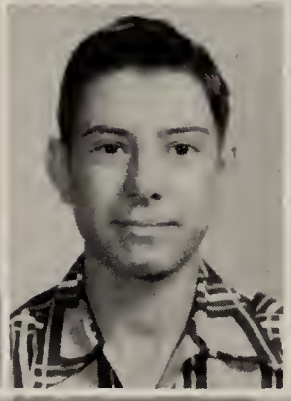
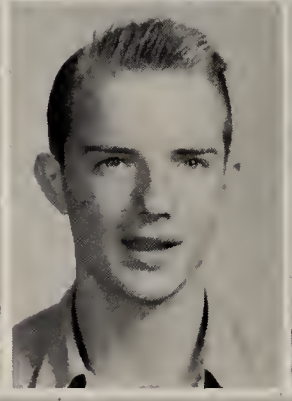
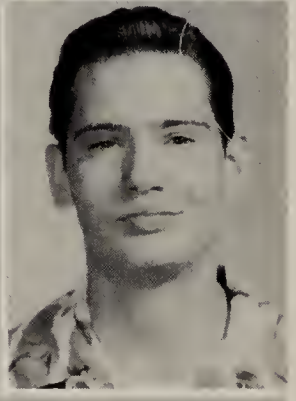
Naomi Lopez

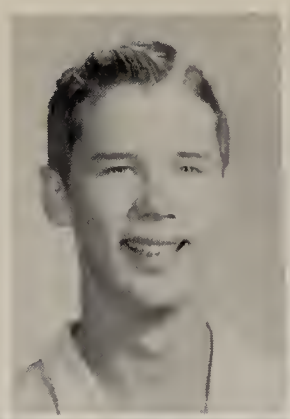





John Loveless
Joe Luksik
Bobby Lyons
Charles McDannald

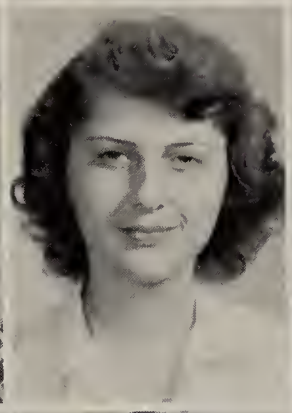
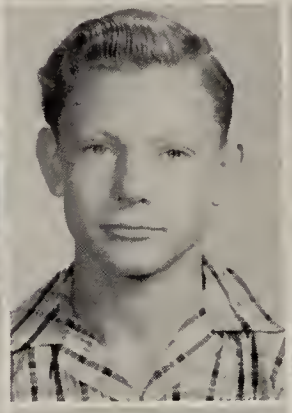
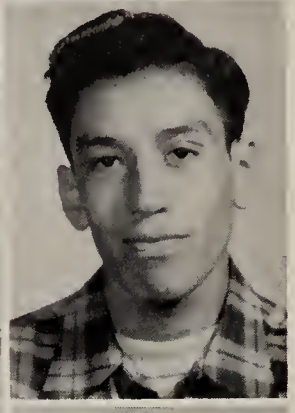
Sophomore girls in colorful costumes served at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Sophomores

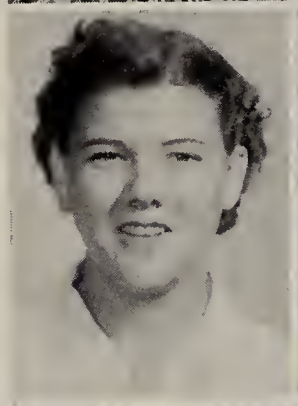
Dee Russel McElroy
Angel Macias
Lupe Mata

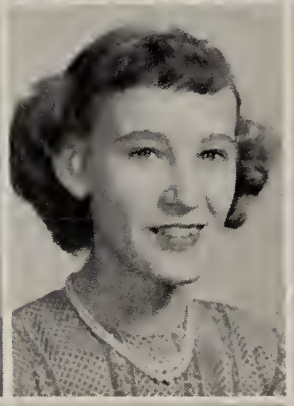
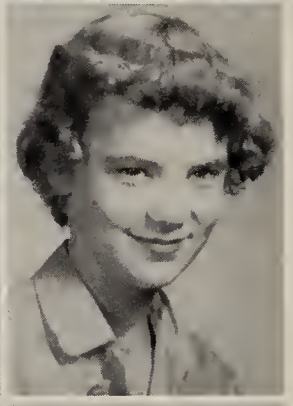


Maria Mendoza
Irene Orsak
Lonnie Orsak
Tony Perez

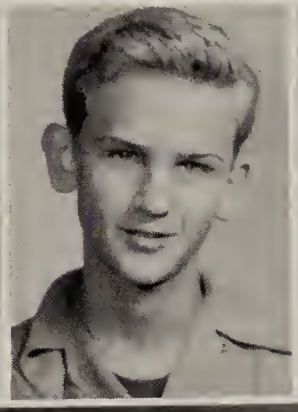




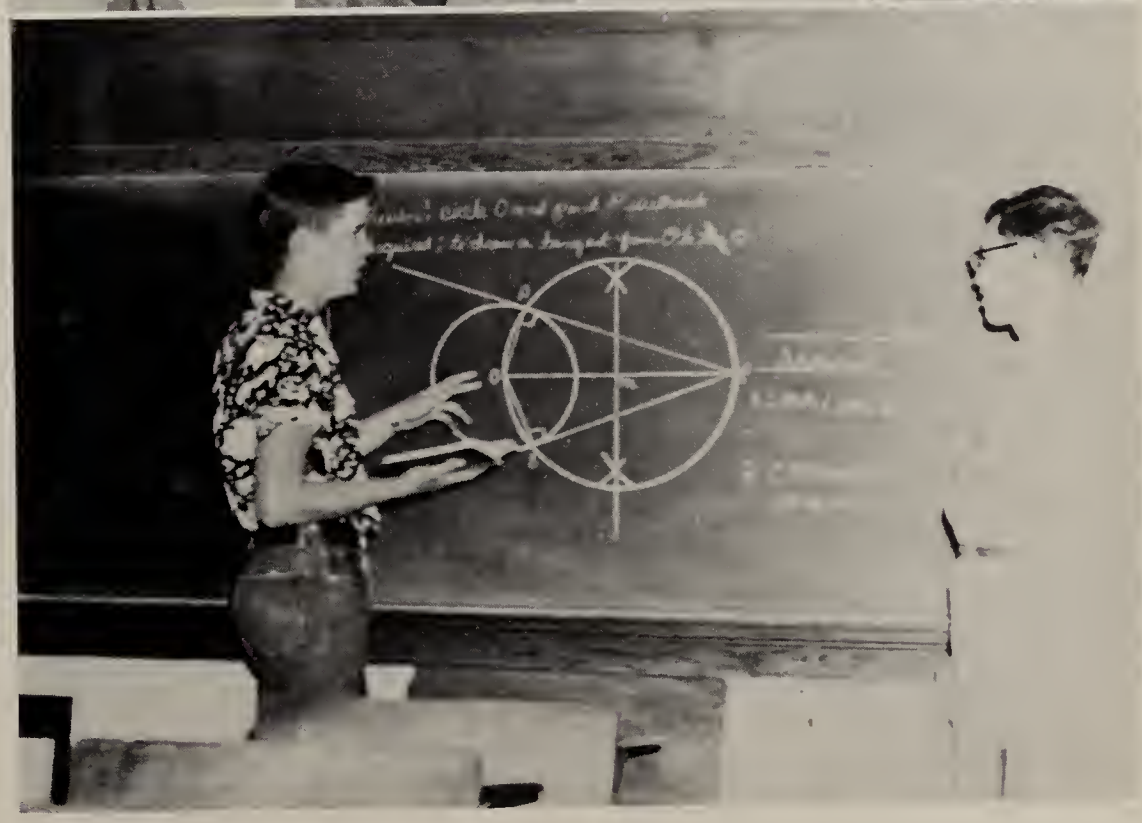
Billie Perrin
Agnes Polasek
Erna Faye Reid
Gayle Rhea



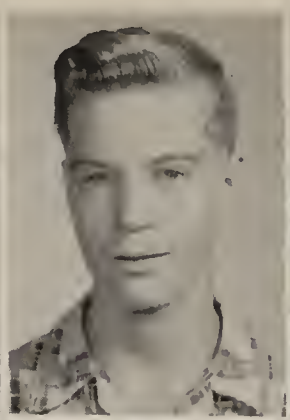
Lupe Rodriquez
Bobby Rugeley
Sandra Sammons
Donald Scarborough





Dee Russel and Larry struggle with a geometry problem.

Sophomores



Marilyn Shefcik
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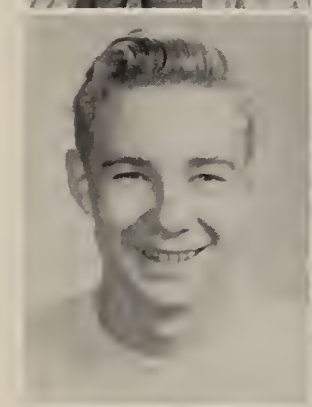
Doris Stricklin

Dorothy Toney
Virginia Ullmann
Mary Lou Vincent

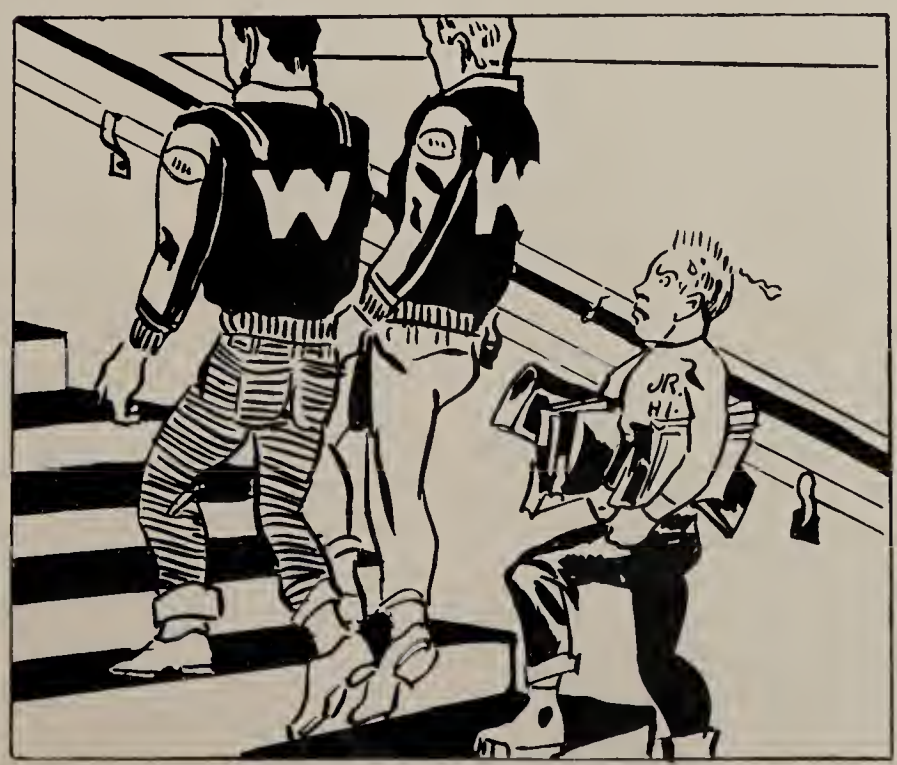
Carole Vineyard
Larry Wadler
Martha Wendel



Russell Willborn
Sylvia Williams
Ethel Wishert
Jeannette Yockey

Barbara and Betty Ann help Mrs. Monkhouse put up economics charts.

Betty, Judy, Don Alex and Sybil take part in the general exchange of pictures that follows the arrival of the yearbook pictures.



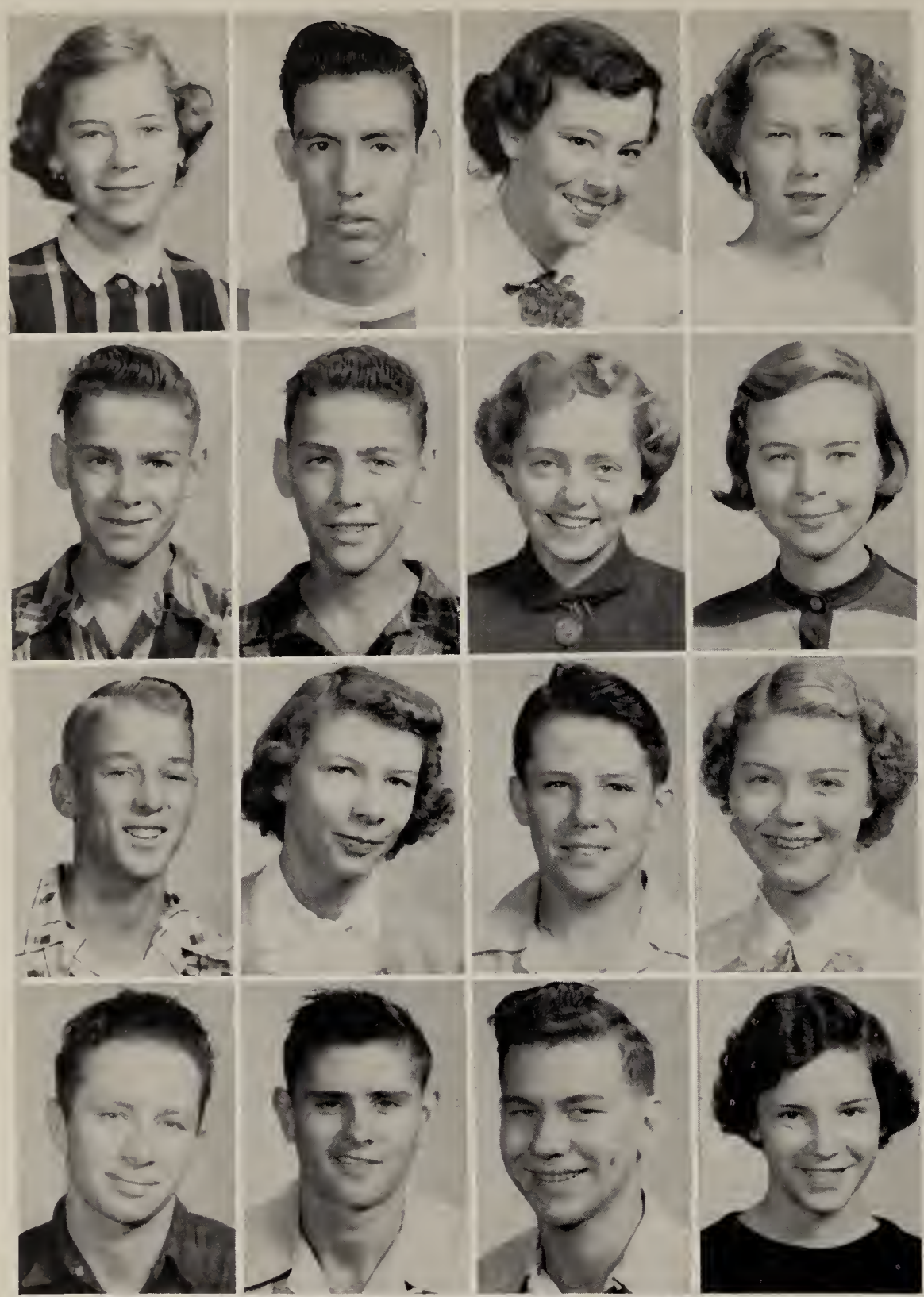
FRESHMAN OFFICERS

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Don Alex Shannon
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - - Betty McDade
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Judy Rhea
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sybil Barker

The freshmen were active in all forms of athletics, in band, choir, and clubs, and still had time for classes and fun.

In the fall semester they presented a one-act play in assembly and in the spring semester they entered "The Taxi" under the direction of Mrs. Marquess in the one-act play contest.

Freshmen



Madeleine Abell
Arthur Alvarado
Sybil Barker
Gay Nell Bennetsen

Donald Bergmann
Ronald Bergmann
Shirley Black
Betty Nan Blasingame

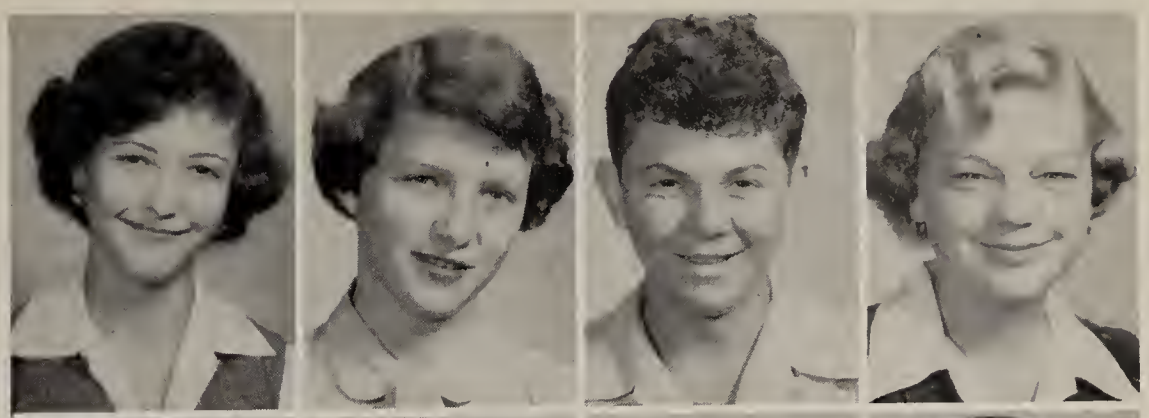
Edwin Bucek
Velma Bundick
Eugene Bunton
Elaine Cezeaux

Billy Ray Cobbs
James Dorris
Thomas Dixon
Loeda Drenner

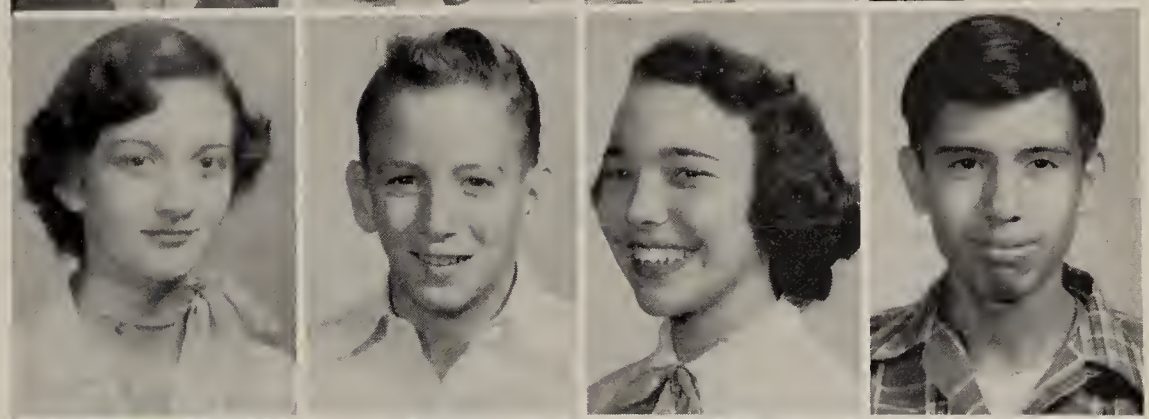
Dorothy Michna and Wanda Joines admire the new movable bulletin board that has been placed in the library.

Freshmen

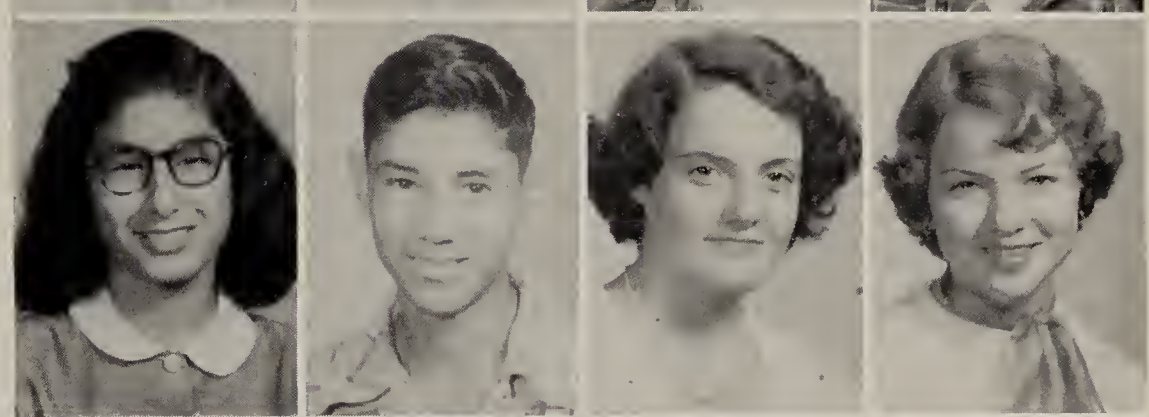
Carolyn Duke
Dorothy Ermis
John Faltisek
Molly Forgason



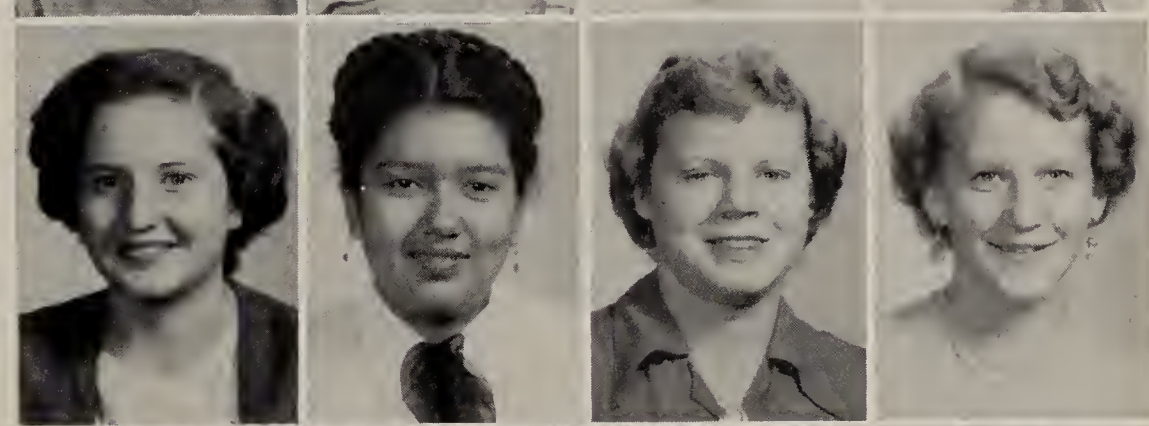
Beverly Foster
Bubbie Frazier
Mary Frieze
Abelardo Garcia



Alice Gonzales
Paul Gonzales
Patricia Grimes
Wanda Gulley



Nettie Helfer
Teresa Hernandez
Dorothy Honc
Velma Honc



Vivian, Sidonia, Vlasta, Lillian, Lorraine and Shirley are among the girls learning practical home economics in the laboratory.

Freshmen

Nancy Hudgins
Bennie Hundl
Raymond Jacobs
Johnnie Janik

Lillian Jasek
Lane Johnston
Jane Kaiser
Billy Ray Kamerer

Hugh Killin
Clara Legler
Becky Lopez
Bobby Luchak

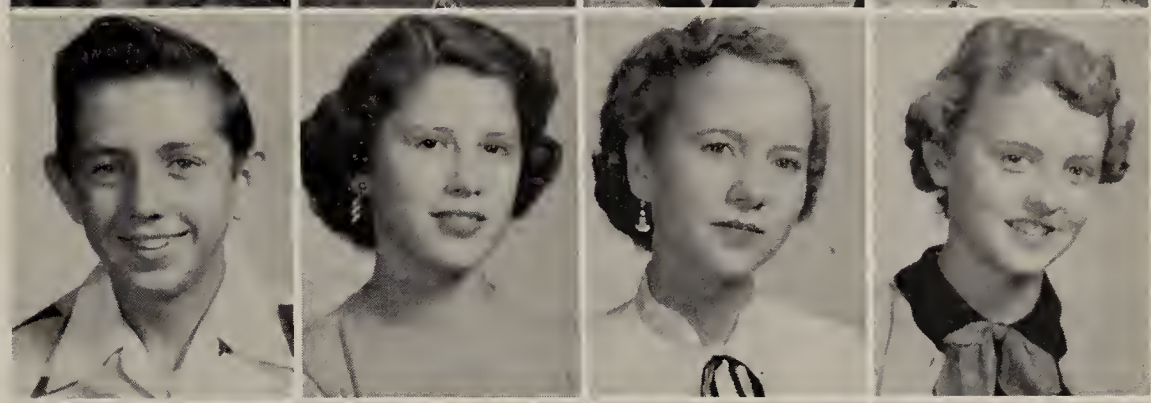
Betty McDade
Frances Macias
Mary Anne Machann
Louis Mathis

Under the direction of Mrs. Marquess, Julia Sue Stafford and Billy Kamerer, understudied by Loeda Drenner and Hugh Killin, presented "The Taxi" at one-act play contest. Here Julia and Hugh give the play in assembly.

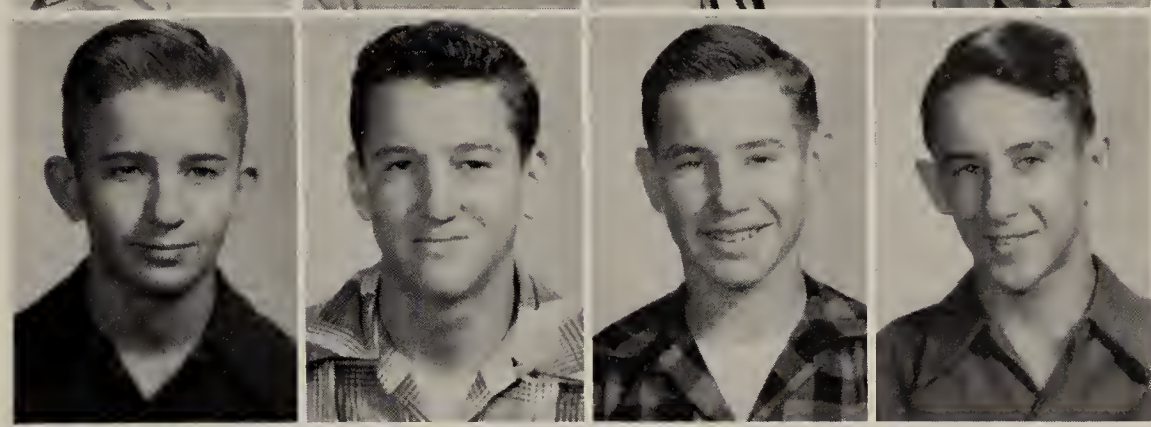
Freshmen

Ronald Matthys
Donna Lou Meyer
Jean Ann Mills
Billy Lee Moore

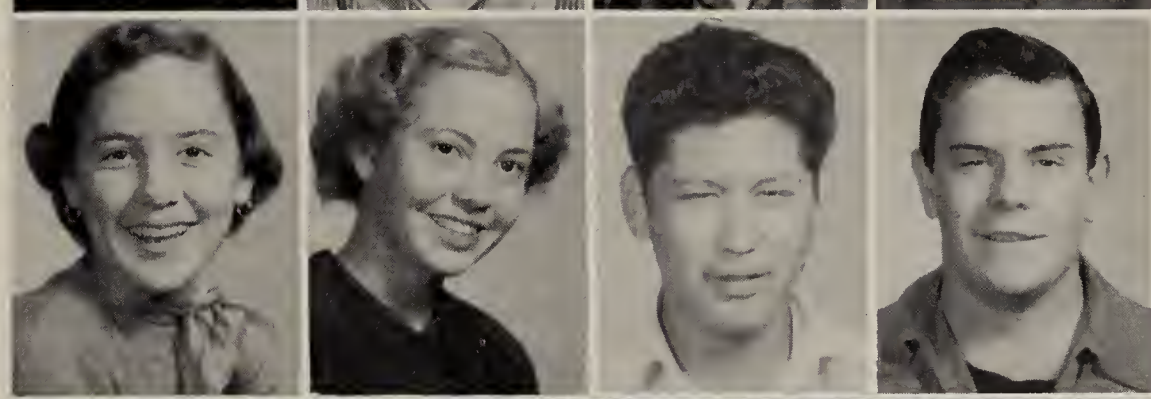
Homer Morris
Jeanette Novosad
Nelda Owens
Judy Rhea



Wayne Rimmer
James Robertson
Elmer Rod
Milton Rod



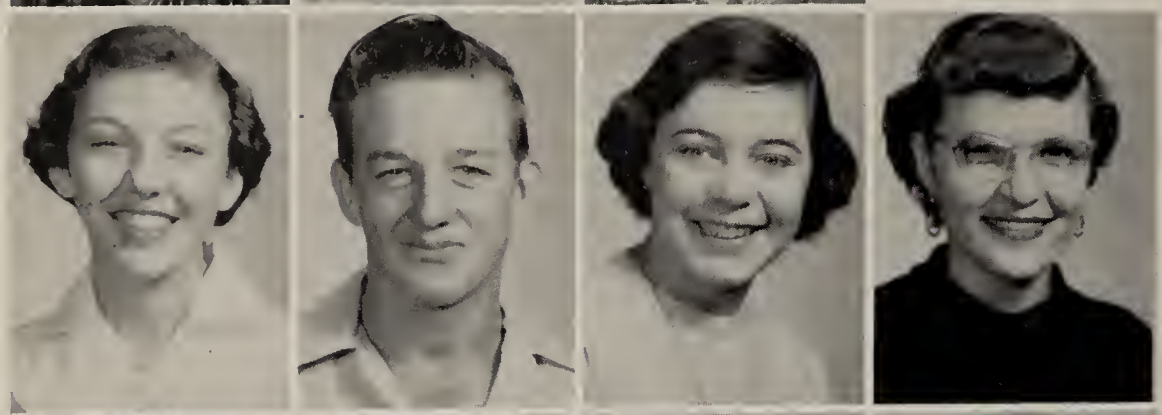
Patsy Roecker
Dorothy Roper
Augustine Sanchez
Robert Sawyer



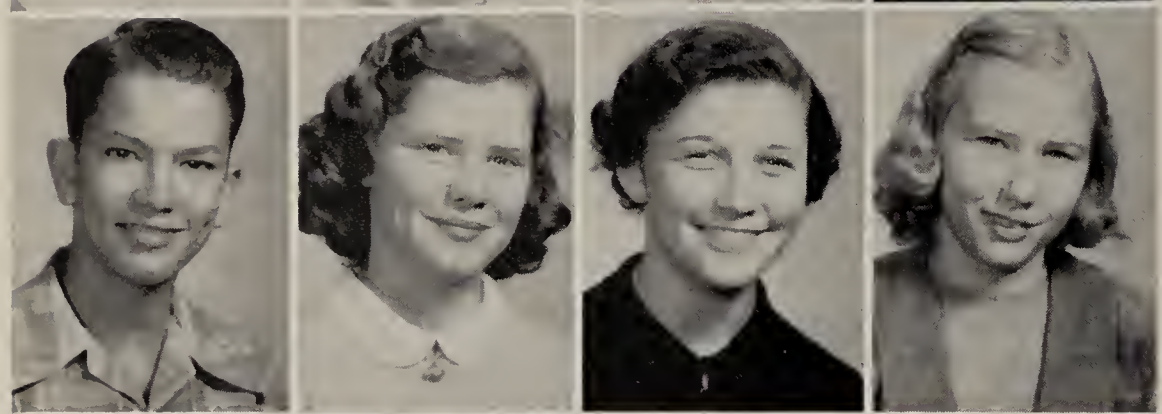
Martha Wendal, Mary Ann Machann, Lonnie Orsak, Allen Ray Moers, Mary Lillian Blasingame and Patsy Roecher receive perfect attendance certificates at the final assembly.

Freshmen

David Sciba
Jo Ann Schunka
Don Alex Shannon



Marian Sitka
Bobby Sliva
Julia Sue Stafford
Shirley Stavinoha

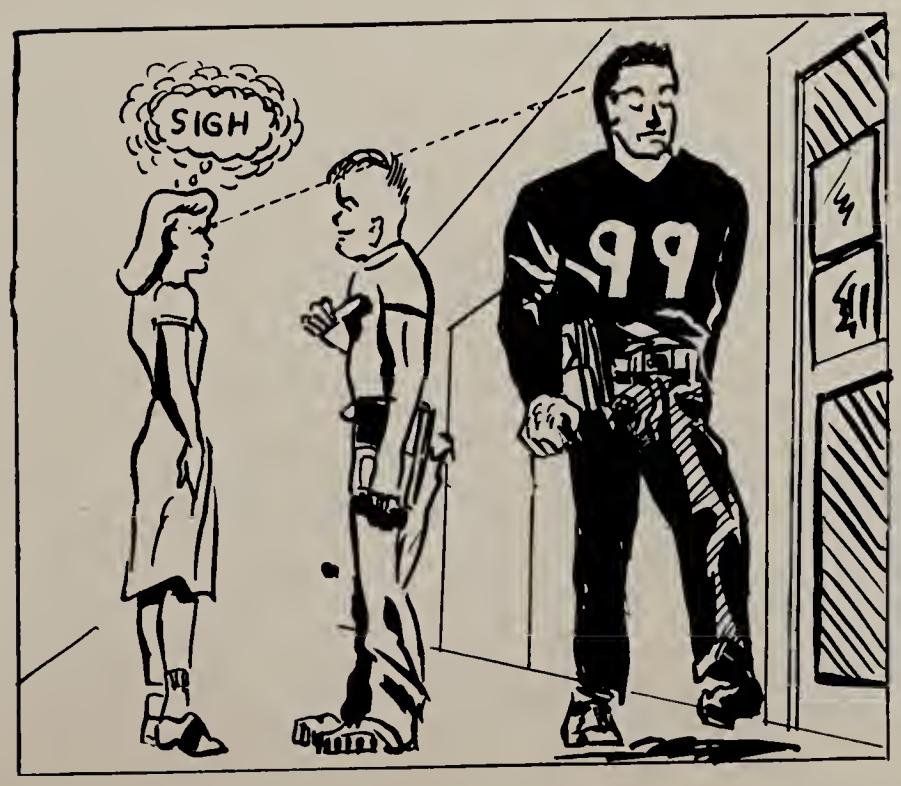


Kenneth Stewart
Rosemary Stock
Mary Jane Svatek
Doris Talafuse

Harold Wessels
Jo Ann White
Merdith Willbourn
Marceil Williamson

All girls' P.E. classes enjoy a unit of folk dancing.

Virginia, Frankie, Orion and Ann pause between classes for a "coke."



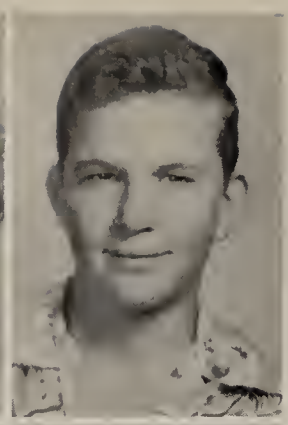
EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Ann Barton
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Orion White
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Frankie Mills
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Virginia Dluhos

The eighth grade is a group of varying interests. They furnished members to both choirs, to the bands, and to all Junior High athletic teams.

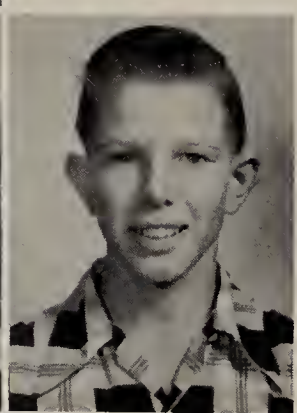
The class joined the seventh grade for a sock dance and as hosts for the sixth grade at the last canteen party. They also entertained with a class party.

Eighth Grade



Ann Barton
Georgia Bedynek
Gene Bock

Richard Bock
Sara Louise Bolton
Elizabeth Bremser



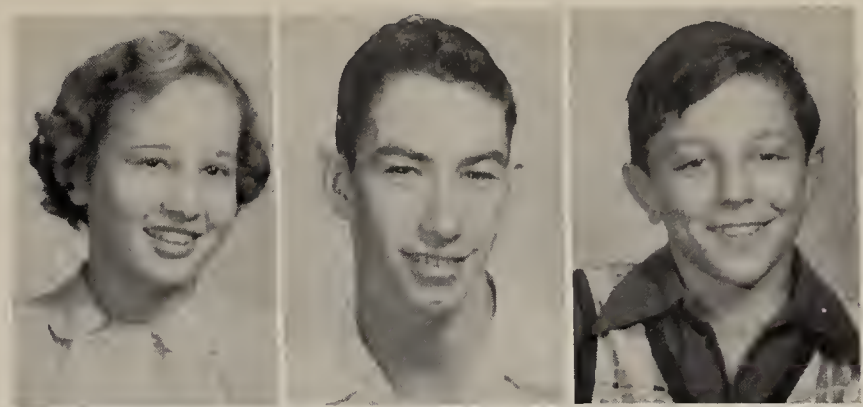
Joyce Buff
Margaret Cavazos
Edna Cervenka
William Cervenka

Patsy Sue Cozier
Glenda Cunningham
Audrey Dempsey
Jimmy Derden

Janet, Barbara, and Joyce conducting the election for 1951 Citizenship Day at which Frank, J. Venn and Mary Kay are depositing their ballots.

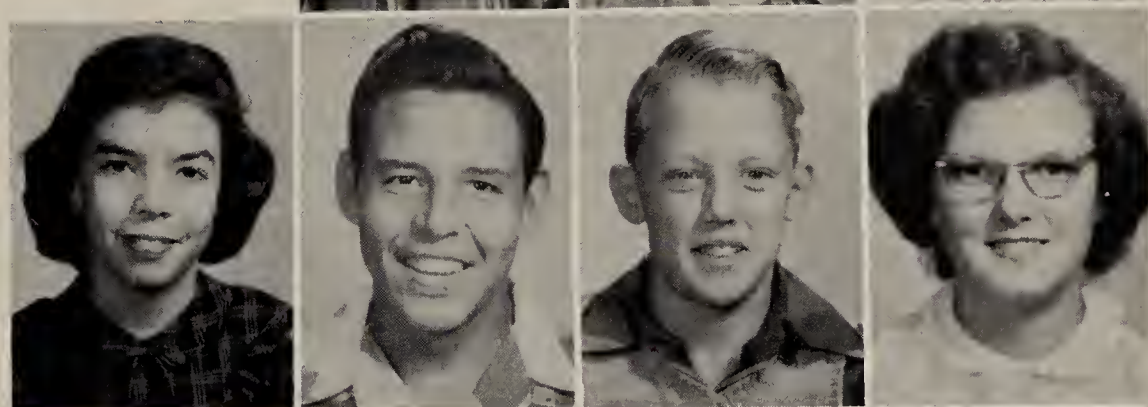
Eighth Grade

Virginia Dluhos
Donald Drenner
Johnny Duke

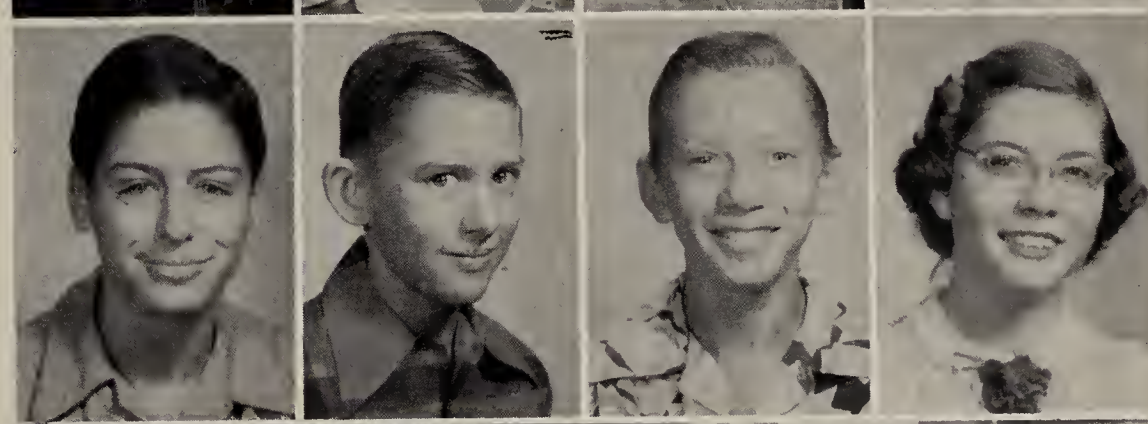


Joyce Erdelt
Nellie Rae Farmer
Shirley Frankum

Jo Ann Gard
Charlie Gonzales
Carter Helms
Alice Horelica



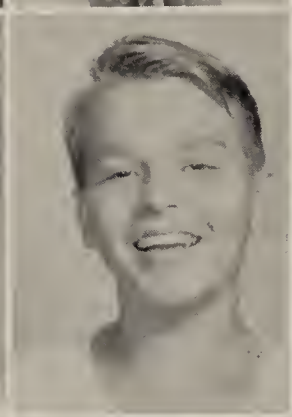
Royce Lee Hudson
S. L. Hulsey
James Janus
Wanda Joines

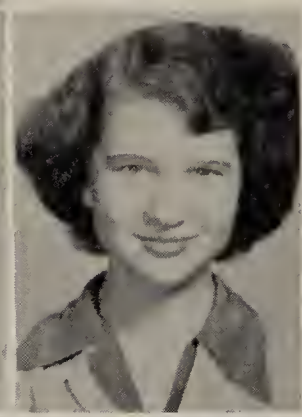


Glenda, Patsy and Virginia enjoy browsing in the open stack of fiction

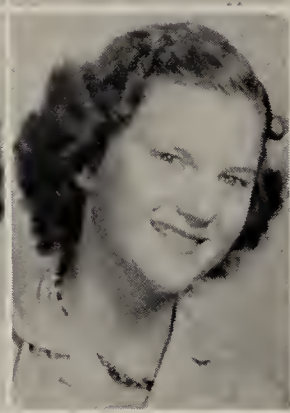
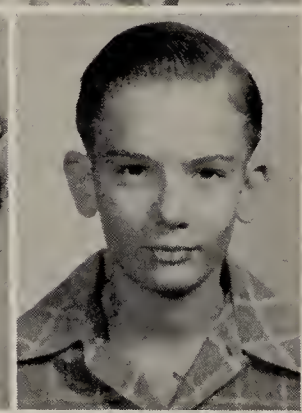
Eighth Grade

Carolyn Josey
Loretta Kostka
Eugene Kresta

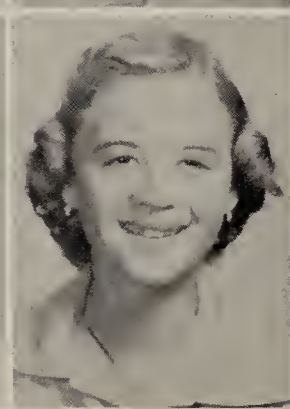




Freddie Lingner
Bobby Loveless
Helen Lucas
Joy Sue McCurry

Barbara McLean
Lola Mata
Dorothy Michna
Charles Michulka

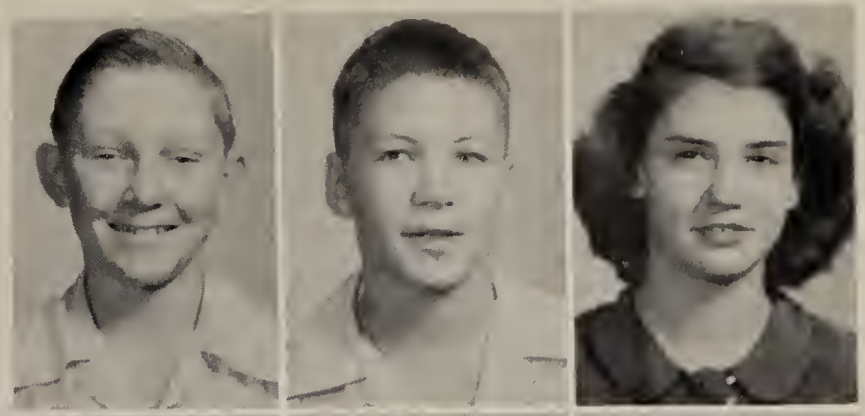


Lois Miller
Franki Jean Mills
Johnnie Mae Miska
Mary Elizabeth Morris

Joyce Roberts, Mrs. Meriwether and Edna Cervenka arrange the attractive display the eighth grade English class had for National Education Week.

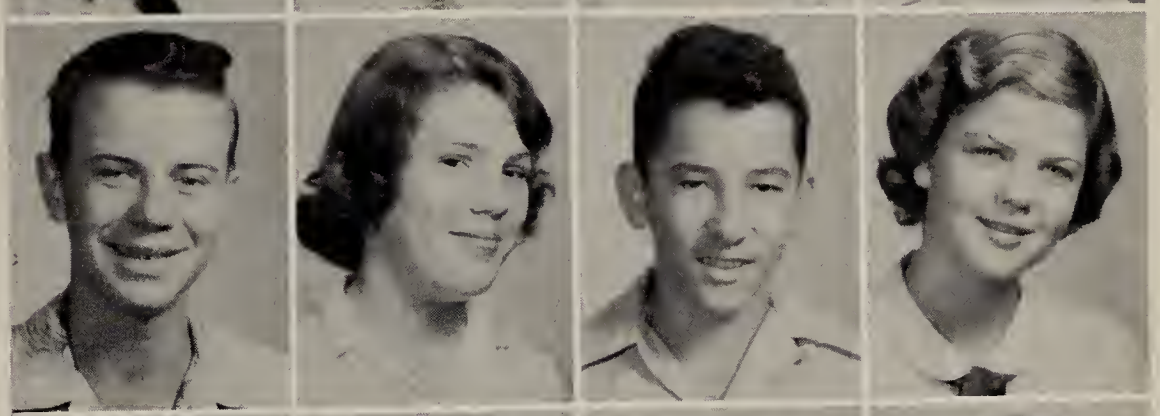
Eighth Grade

Thomas Morris
Johnny Newlin
Betty Ann Patty



Alice Polasek
Wynell Pool
Bessie Pyka
Robert Pyka

Thomas Risinger
Joyce Roberts
Paul Robertson
Betty Flo Rugeley



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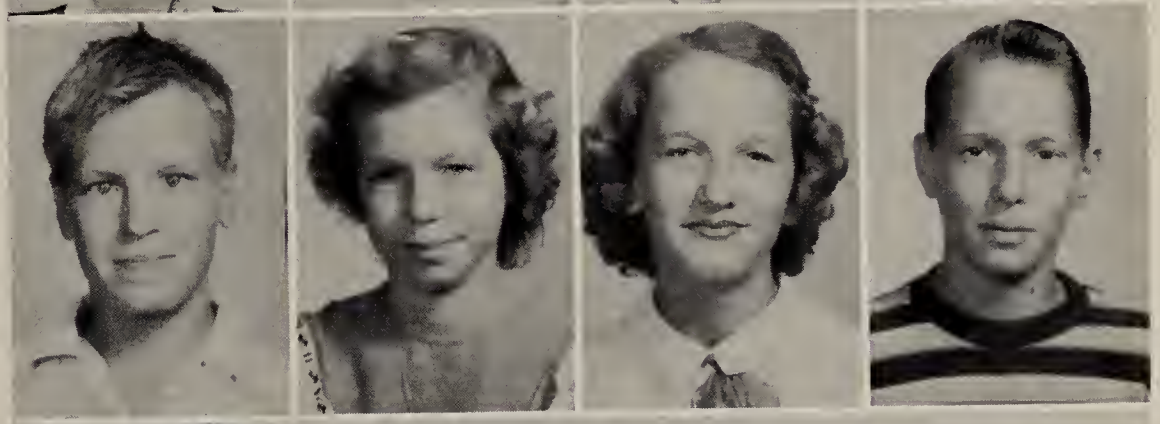
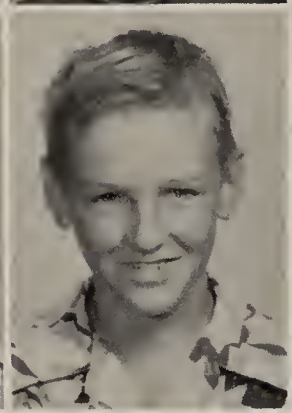
Bernice Schmidt
Mildred Sliva
David Smith

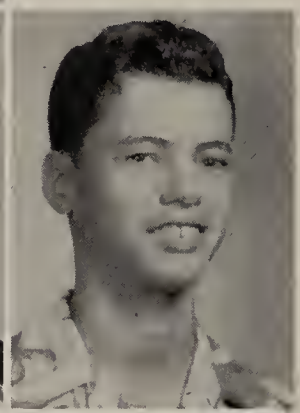


Ann, John, S. L. and Patsy display visual aids used in teaching the growth of American democracy to the social studies classes.

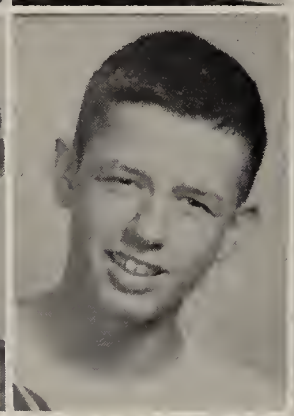
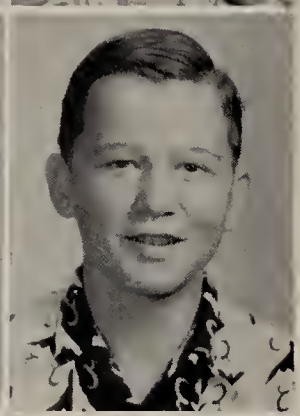
Eighth Grade

Jo Fay Smith
Isidor Smolik
Dorothy Stavena

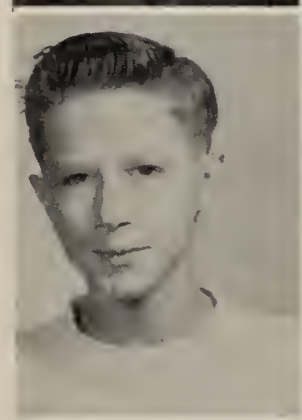


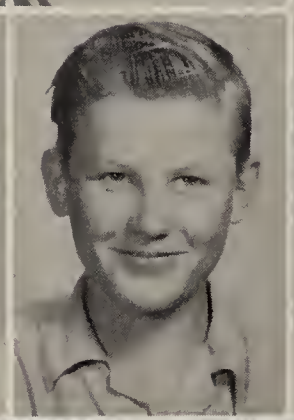
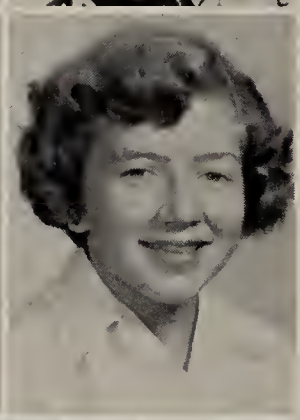


Bernice Stavena
Wilford Swank
Irvin Ullmann
Oswald Ullmann

Wanda Faye Waggoner
Pearl Weaver
Orion White
John Wilbeck

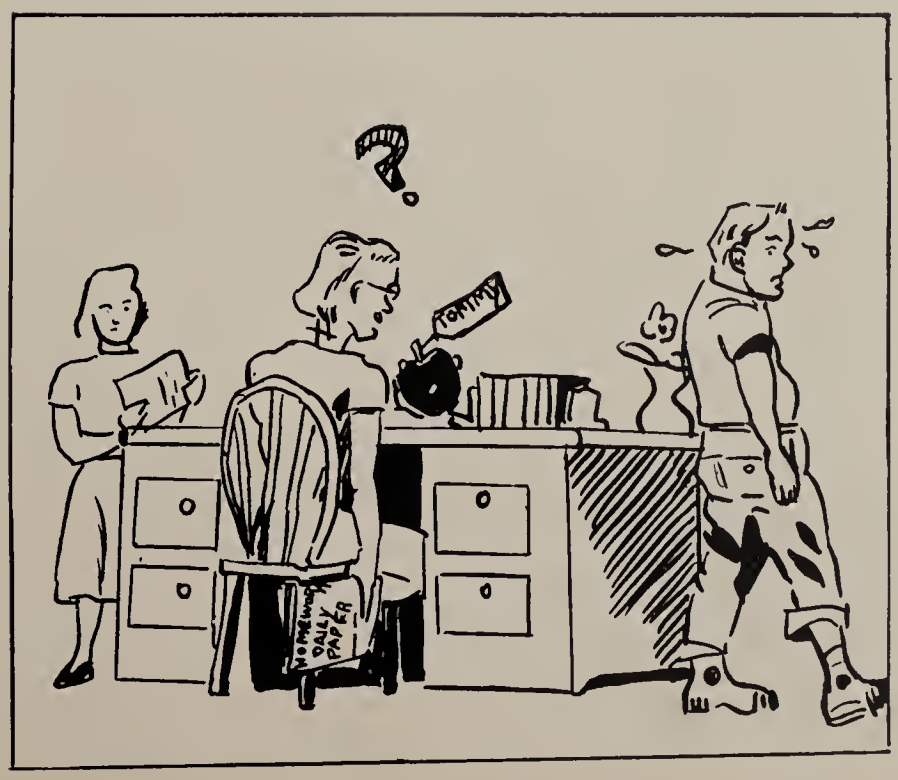


Billy Wise
Hattie Jo Wishert
Raymond Wittig
Patricia Wobbe

Orion, Betty Flo, Mary Elizabeth and Jimmy practice first aid techniques on Carter.

Edwin, Patsy, Jimmy and Lucille face the problem of six-weeks notebooks.



SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Patsy Stunz
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - Edwin Rainwater
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - Lucille Herrington
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Jimmy Butler

In their first year of Junior High, the seventh graders faced many new problems, but they solved most of them for a successful year.

They had members in the Junior Chorus and the High School Choir, in both bands, and on all Junior High teams. In the spring they shared with the eighth grade the work and fun of a prom.

Seventh Grade

Linda Bahner
Joe Barker
Robert Bedynek
Eloisa Belasquez

Lucia Belasquez
Frankie Mae Beseda
Johnny Blasingame
Howard Bock

Venda Ann Bowles
Jimmy Butler
Hubert Carlton
Monte Carmichael

Faye Chudalla
Felix Cruz
Frank Cruz
Ruben Cruz

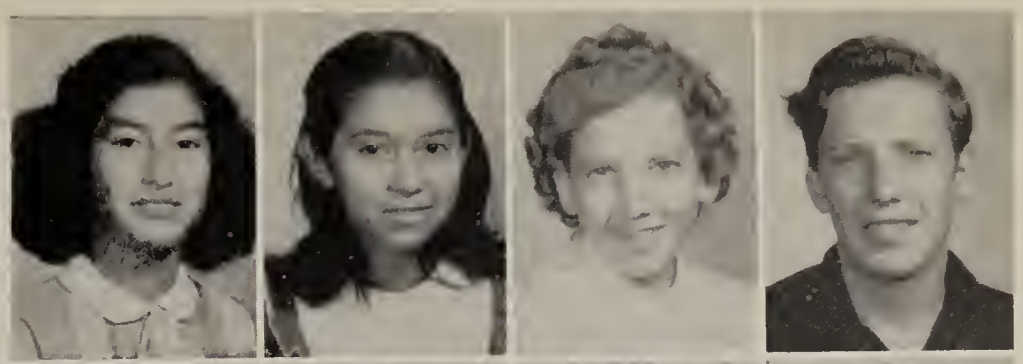
Jesse Curtner
Elissa Davis
Billie Jean Dempsey
Joyce Lane Early

Antonio Erevia
Matilde Erevia
Maria Estrada
James Fifer

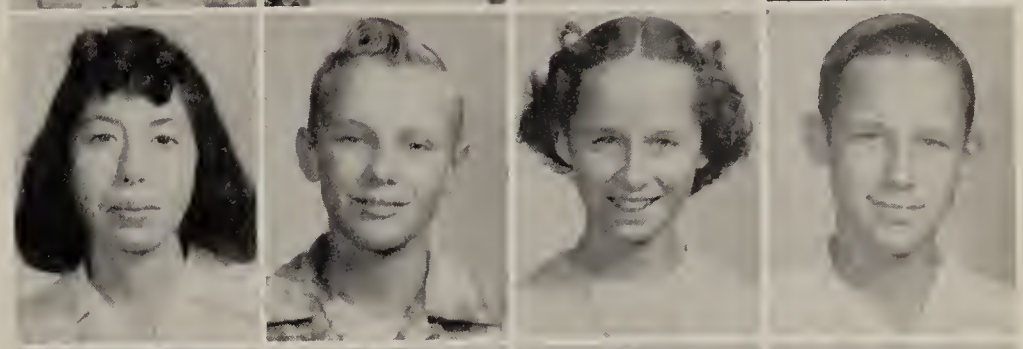
Gene Frankum
Margaret Frankum
Willie Gensler
Ernest Giesie

Seventh Grade

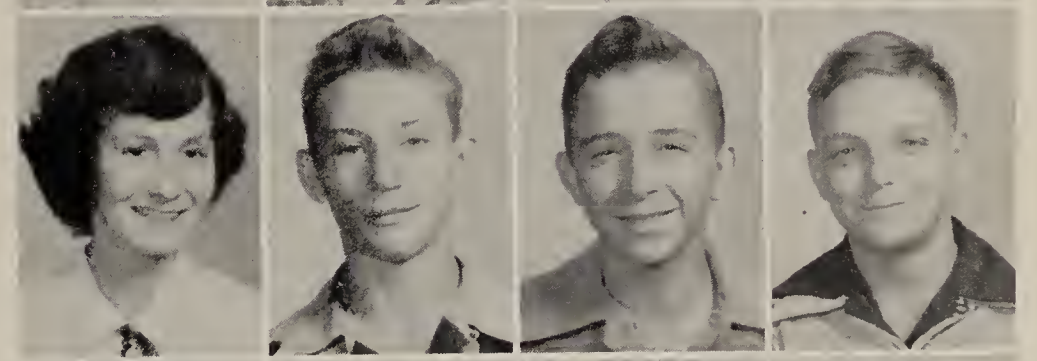
Elva Gonzales
Lupe Gonzales
Betty Jean Grimes
Leon Griffin



Lucinda Guzman
Joseph Harper
Clarice Heintschel
Gordon Heintschel



Lucille Herrington
Vincent Hobizal
Gene Hobson
Bobby Hodge



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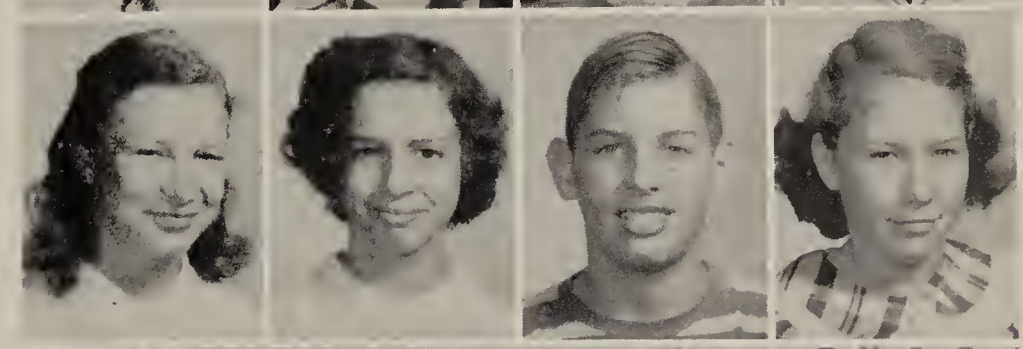
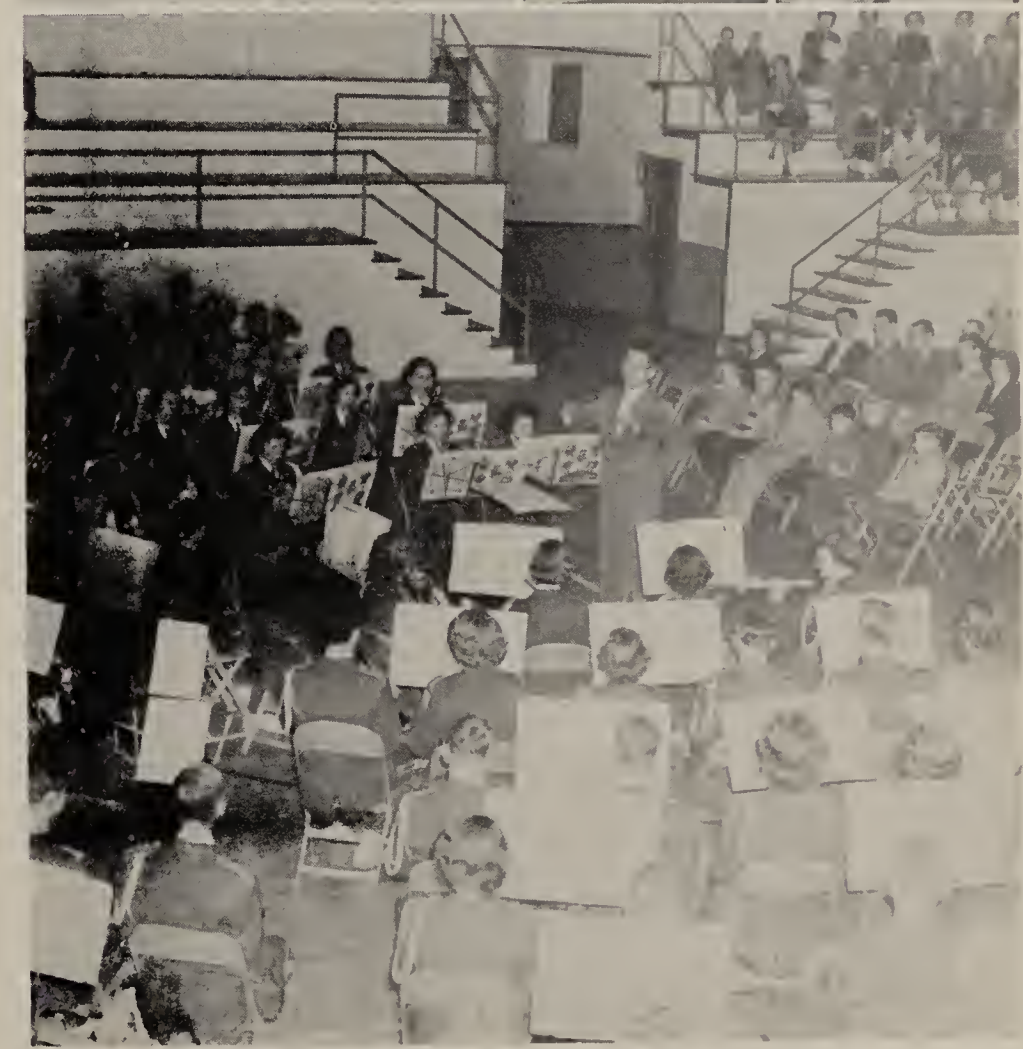
Doris Horelica
Tilford Horelica
Doris Housworth





The Christmas concert has become a school tradition.

Seventh Grade

John Howard
Taylor Jones
Charles Kelly
Roberta Kocian

Stanley Konvicka
Bobby Kopecky
Jimmy Kopecky
Lawerence Kubecka

Georgia Kucera
Carol Longmire
Rachel Lopez
Jo Ann Luco

Brenda Lou Lyon
Landon Machann
Shirley Macha
Robert Manis

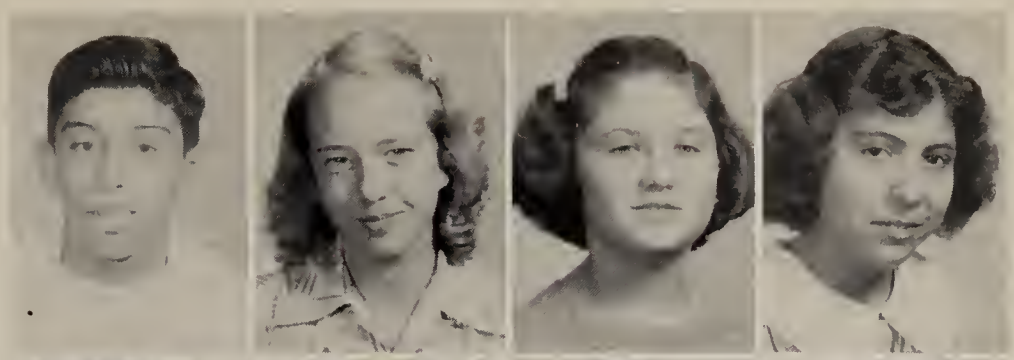
Esperanza Macias
Antonia Mata
Frances Mata
Glenn Mariner

Martha Lynn Meyer
Donnie Nickolyn
George Nunez
Patricia Oliver

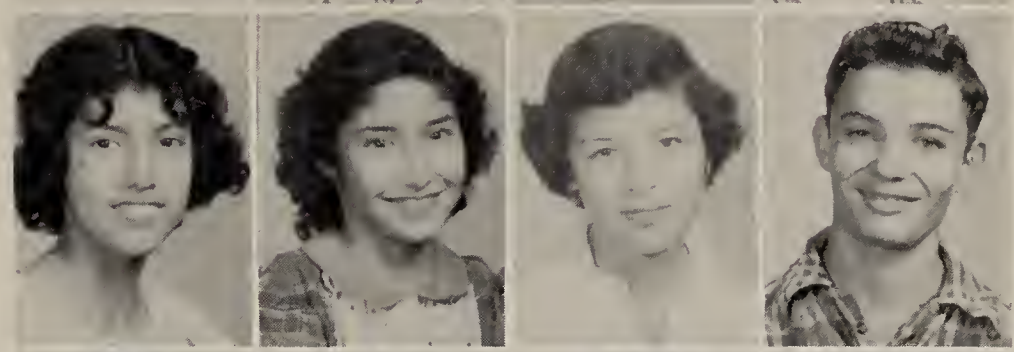
Ernest Orsak
David Ortiz
Susie Padia
Rosa Pena

Seventh Grade

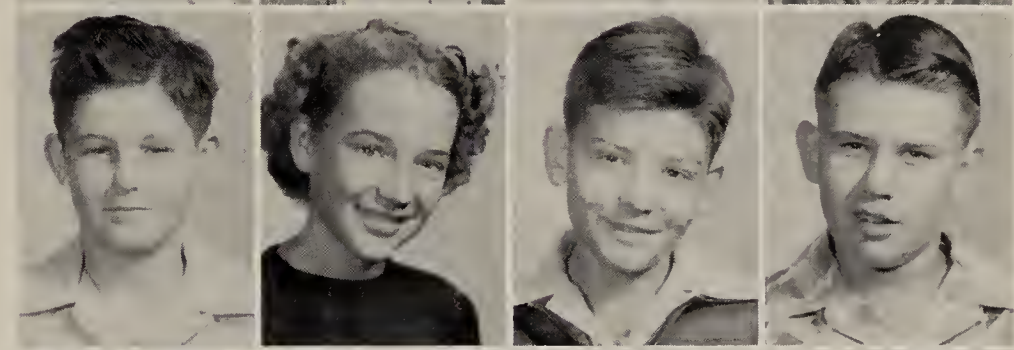
Pete Perez
Jerline Pietsch
Peggy Lois Pool
Florinda Pulido



Mary Quintanilla
Pauline Quintanilla
Carmen Ramos
Edwin Rainwater



Tommy Reding
Merle Reue
Thomas Rieger
Billy Roberts



Lou Claire Rowe
Herminia San Miguel
Sue Scarborough
Jeffery Sciba

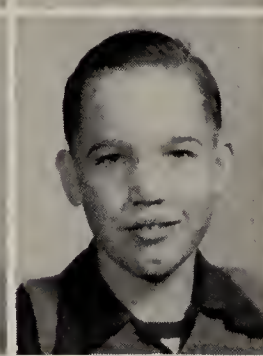
Each spring both boys and girls have swimming classes at the Wharton Municipal Pool. Here Slaughter, Barker, Bergmann and Levine practice diving.

Seventh Grade

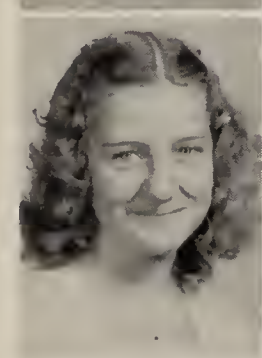
Patricia Shryer
Jerry Slaughter
Boyd Smith
Stephen Smith

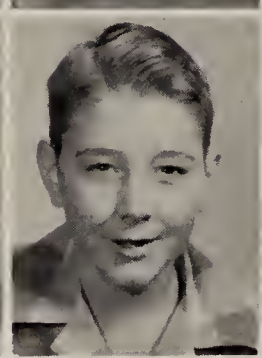
Tommy Smith
Maner Stafford
Gilbert Stavinoha
Lillie Stricklin

Patsy Stunz
Dixie Toney
Kathryn Ullmann
Mildred Vaclavik



Marie Vallejo
Ray Van Nortrick
Terry Vincent
Lester Wallace





Mary Pauline Weed
Franklin White
Robert White
Bertha Williams

Girls' P.E. classes enjoyed a tumbling unit which culminated in an exhibition at the Junior Jamboree.

Personalities

Senior Favorite

CHARLES BLACK

Senior Favorite

MARY ANN KONVICKA

Junior Favorites

MARY KAY MORGAN - VERNON ULLMANN

Sophomore Favorites

SANDRA SAMMONS - BILLY HUBENAK

Freshman Favorites

BETTY McDADE - OREN FRAZIER, JR.

Eighth Grade Favorites

ORION WHITE - JOHNNY MAE MISKA

Seventh Grade Favorites

PATSY STUNZ - JIMMY BUTLER

Band Favorites

DOROTHY BULLER - FRANK SORREL

Most Beautiful

As judged by screen star
DALE ROBERTSON

LODELL RAMSOWER

Runners Up

BETTY ANN KRAMR

ADA FRANCES SHALIER

CAROLE VINYARD

DALE ROBERTSON
TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX STUDIOS
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Mr. John Saunders
Personalities Editor, Argonaut
Wharton High School
Wharton, Texas

Dear Mr. Saunders, and contestants,

This task was a far greater one than I ever imagined it might be insofar as there were so many to choose from, and no logical reason for selecting one instead of the other.

As I mentioned before, I share the opinion of countless others who maintain that beauty stems from within, so were I to know each and every one of these girls, I'm sure my choice might be quite different. As it is I shall just have to hope that thru some stroke of fate, I selected girls whose character and personality match their beauty.

Thank you so much for this honor, and I do hope that my choice might have been all of yours if you had been the judges. I realize of course that that isn't possible, but I do hope that all of these girls whom I have selected, are a credit to the class, and the school.

Is the Argonaut your yearbook? If so I should like very much to have a copy autographed by your beauty queen.

Yours very sincerely,

Dale Robertson

Dale Robertson

Who's Who

A girl of many talents and many friends is MARY LILLIAN BLASINGAME.

Versatile, vivacious ANN JOHNSTON is the personification of school spirit.

Lighthearted, capable DOROTHY BULLER leaves behind the memory of a beautiful voice.

Industrious and competent KAPPY KILLIN excells in music, sports, and in the classroom.

Friendly LA RUE FELDER'S varied activities and dependability have made him an outstanding student.

PAT MORRIS with her sparkling wit and many abilities, is a favorite of teachers and students.

Who's Who

CARL REYNOLDS will be remembered not only as an all-round athlete, but also as a likable student.

Titian-haired SARAH STALLINGS is an unforgettable personality because of her intellectual achievements and friendly manner.

Her sincere interest in people and sense of responsibility make FRANCES RUGELEY a delightful person to know.

Good-natured VIVIAN STAMMAN gives unselfishly of her time and talents.

Cheerful, energetic JOHN SANDERS has delighted many with his acting skill.

Easy-going VERNON ULL MANN is always eager to lend a helping hand.

Duchesses

Among the duchesses from Wharton High School at the Fair were Jeanette Yockey, escorted by Eddie Pilcik; Ada Frances Schaller, escorted by George Hinze; and Lodell Ramsower, escorted by Arthur Newlin. Below left: Lloyd Shoppa escorted Betty Jean Zoiber at Victoria. Below right: George Hinze and Mary Ann Konvicka represented us at A. and I.

Athletics

Football

Front row: Davidson, Allen, D. Williams, B. Felder, Robertson, Contreras.
Second row: Bunton, Mathis, Wadler, Rugeley, Boone.
Third row: Lyons, Cooper, H. Hoffman, Levine, J. Dorris, Stewart.

The loss of thirteen lettermen of the 1950 team left only four first string men to form the nucleus of Coach Max Carver's first Tiger team, but the group came through the season winning seven of the ten games played. Only one of the defeats was in a district game.

Eight seniors will be missing from the line-up for next year, but six underclass lettermen and a promising reserve make local fans look forward to another successful year.

Coaches Cody, Carver and Miori.

1951 SCORES

Wharton	21	New Braunfels	0
Wharton	13	Aldine	12
Wharton	48	Port Lavaca	0
Wharton	20	Angleton	13
Wharton	7	Cuero	13
* Wharton	0	Lamar	33
* Wharton	0	Bay City	42
* Wharton	19	West Columbia	0
* Wharton	35	El Campo	12
* Wharton	27	Boling	0

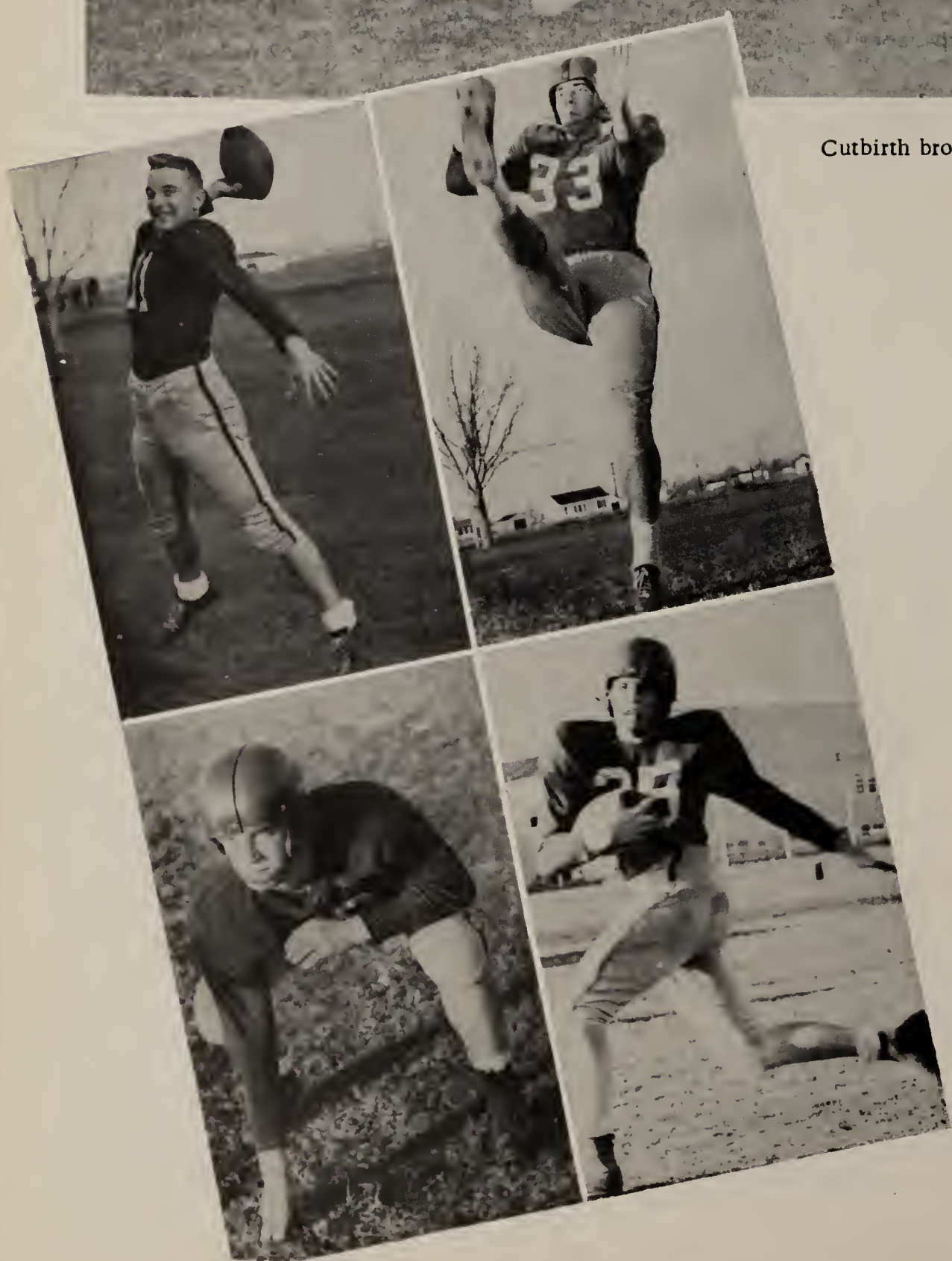
Victory cry rings out at Aldine.

Managers
BILLY DORRIS and
DENNIS FRAUNBERGER

Co-Captains
CHARLES (SKIPPY) BLACK
Center
3 Letters

TRELDON CUTBIRTH
Halfback
3 Letters

Cutbirth brought down in Boling game.



LA RUE FELDER
Quarterback
2 Letters

DONALD GUESS
Quarterback
2 Letters

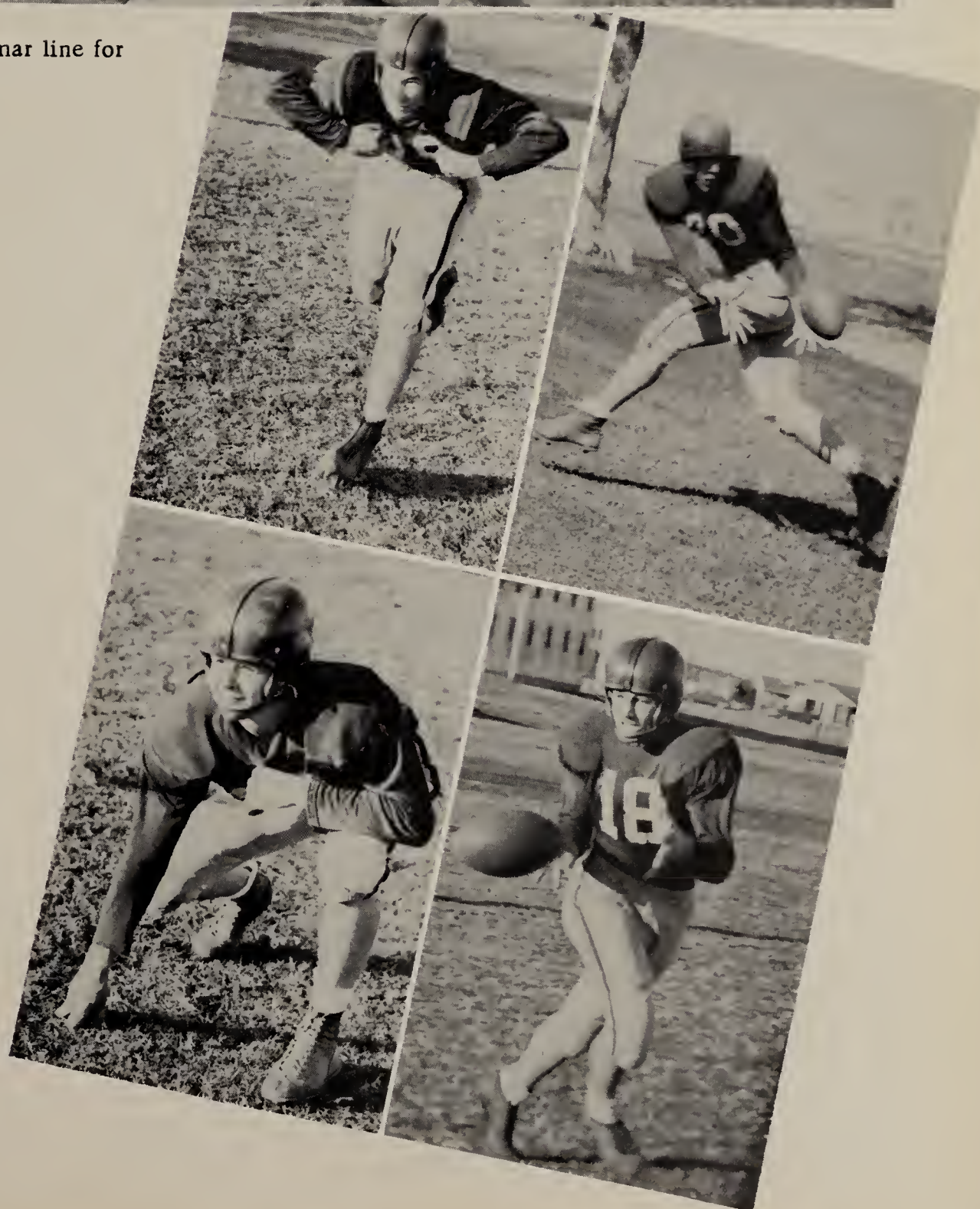
TONY HAMILTON
Tackle
1 Letter

GEORGE HINZE
Fullback
1 Letter

Cutbirth rams through Lamar line for first down.

ERNEST HOFFMAN
End
1 Letter

MAURICE LEVINE
Fullback
1 Letter



ARTHUR (JACK) NEWLIN
Halfback
2 Letters

BILL McDADE
Guard
1 Letter

KARL LUCO
End
1 Letter

Above: Felder and Hinze bring down Aldine back.
Below: Newlin closes in for kill in El Campo game.

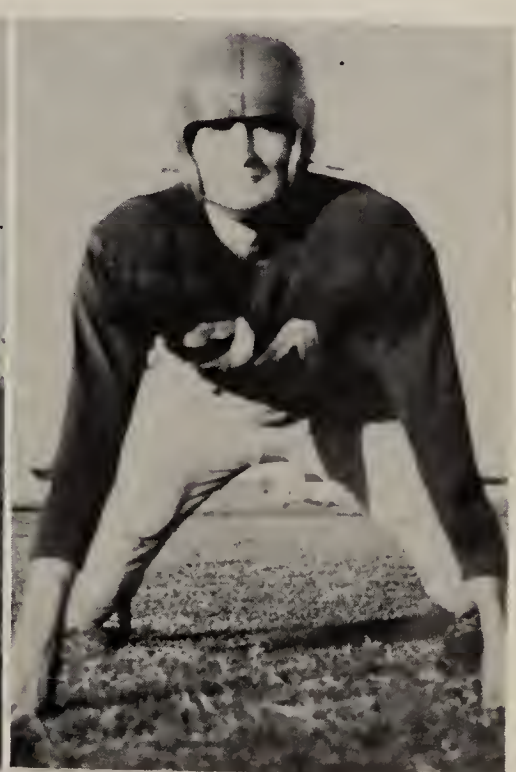
FRANKLIN POLASEK
Halfback
1 Letter

CARL REYNOLDS
End
3 Letters

Above: Cutbirth downed in Angleton game.
Below left: Bulldog gets head hold on Reynolds in Boling game.
Below right: Sorrel and McDade team up to down a Mustang in Lamar game.

DON SHANNON
Guard
1 Letter

JOHN TROW
Guard
2 Letters



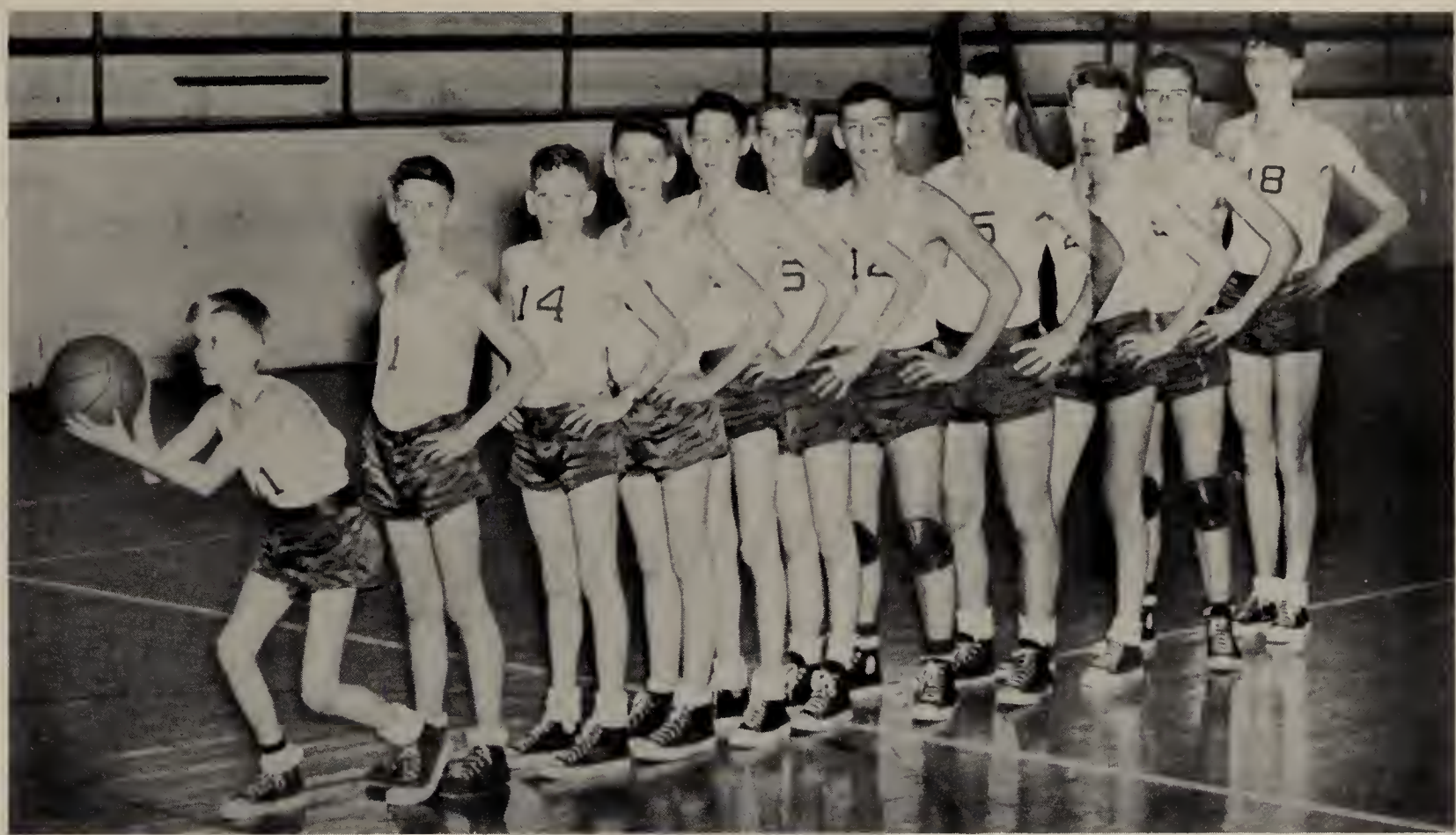
Newlin struggles for more yardage in Boling game.

FRANK SORREL
Guard
3 Letters

RAYMOND MISKA
Tackle
4 Letters

FRANK SPURNEY
Halfback
1 Letter

Basketball



B TEAM

Ronnie Matthys, Donald Bergmann, Oren Frazier, Ronald Bergmann, Arlen Heintschel, Jerry Jones, Norman Bergmann, Ernest Hoffman, Raymond Stoppenhagen, Bobby Lyons and Stanley Bedynek.

SCORES OF THE SEASON

Wharton	43	Ganado	39		Wharton	40	Bay Town	53
Wharton	27	Port Arthur	26		Wharton	46	Lufkin	45
Wharton	31	Freeport	38		Wharton	37	Ball High	35
Wharton	57	Edna	35		Wharton	56	Sweeny	47
Wharton	47	East Bernard	53	*	Wharton	46	Boling	33
Wharton	40	Stephen F. Austin B	30	*	Wharton	38	Bay City	48
Wharton	35	Brenham	24	*	Wharton	51	El Campo	31
Wharton	50	San Jacinto	37	*	Wharton	27	Lamar	42
Wharton	32	Bay City	48	*	Wharton	45	West Columbia	56
Wharton	31	East Bernard	37	*	Wharton	40	Boling	39
Wharton	38	Ganado	32	*	Wharton	29	Bay City	39
Wharton	34	Victoria	36	*	Wharton	51	El Campo	34
Wharton	47	Edna	48	*	Wharton	29	Lamar	53
Wharton	25	Victoria	48	*	Wharton	35	West Columbia	38

* District Games

Coach Sylvan Miori's first year as Wharton High School basketball coach found him with four out of six lettermen returning, but a relatively inexperienced reserve group coming up. Through the season as a whole, the group had a balance of fourteen games won and fourteen games lost.

Of the lettermen only Frauenberger and Ullmann will return for the 1953 season, but twelve reserves with another season of experience make good prospects for next year.

Basketball

Above left: Bill McDade concentrates on a basket in the West Columbia game.

Center: Frauenberger and Sanders stand ready to help on a jump ball.

Above right: Ullmann finds an opening.

Left center: Guess shoots for a basket in the West Columbia game.

Lettermen, left to right:

EDGAR BARKER
Guard
2 Letters

DENNIS FRAUENBERGER
Guard
1 Letter

DONALD GUESS
Forward
2 Letters

BILL McDADE
Guard
1 Letter

Basketball

Above left: Charles Matthys goes after the ball in the El Campo game.

Above right: Charles Matthys tries for two points in the Boling game.

Center: Carl Reynolds gets the ball on the jump-off in the Boling game.

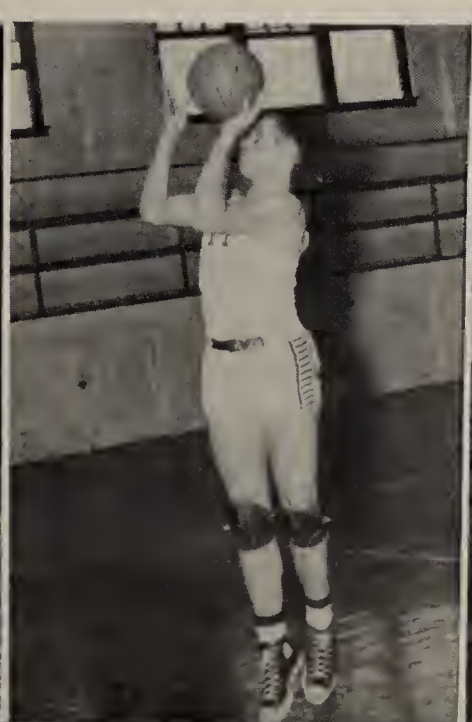
Lettermen, left to right:

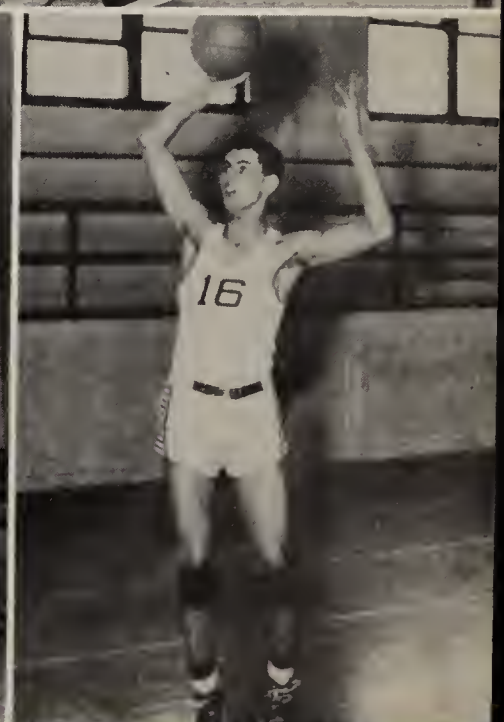
CHARLES MATTHYS
Guard
1 Letter

CARL REYNOLDS
Center
2 Letters

JOHN SANDERS
Guard
1 Letter

VERNON ULLMANN
Forward
2 Letters





Track '51

Above: Cutbirth broad jumps at District Meet.

Below: Jackie Thompson crosses the finish line in the 440 yard run.

Below: Marvin Felder comes in first at broad jump.

Above: Raymond Miska throws the discus.

Below: Levine sails into second place in the broad jump.

Track '52

Below: "Porky" Dorris goes up and over at District Meet.

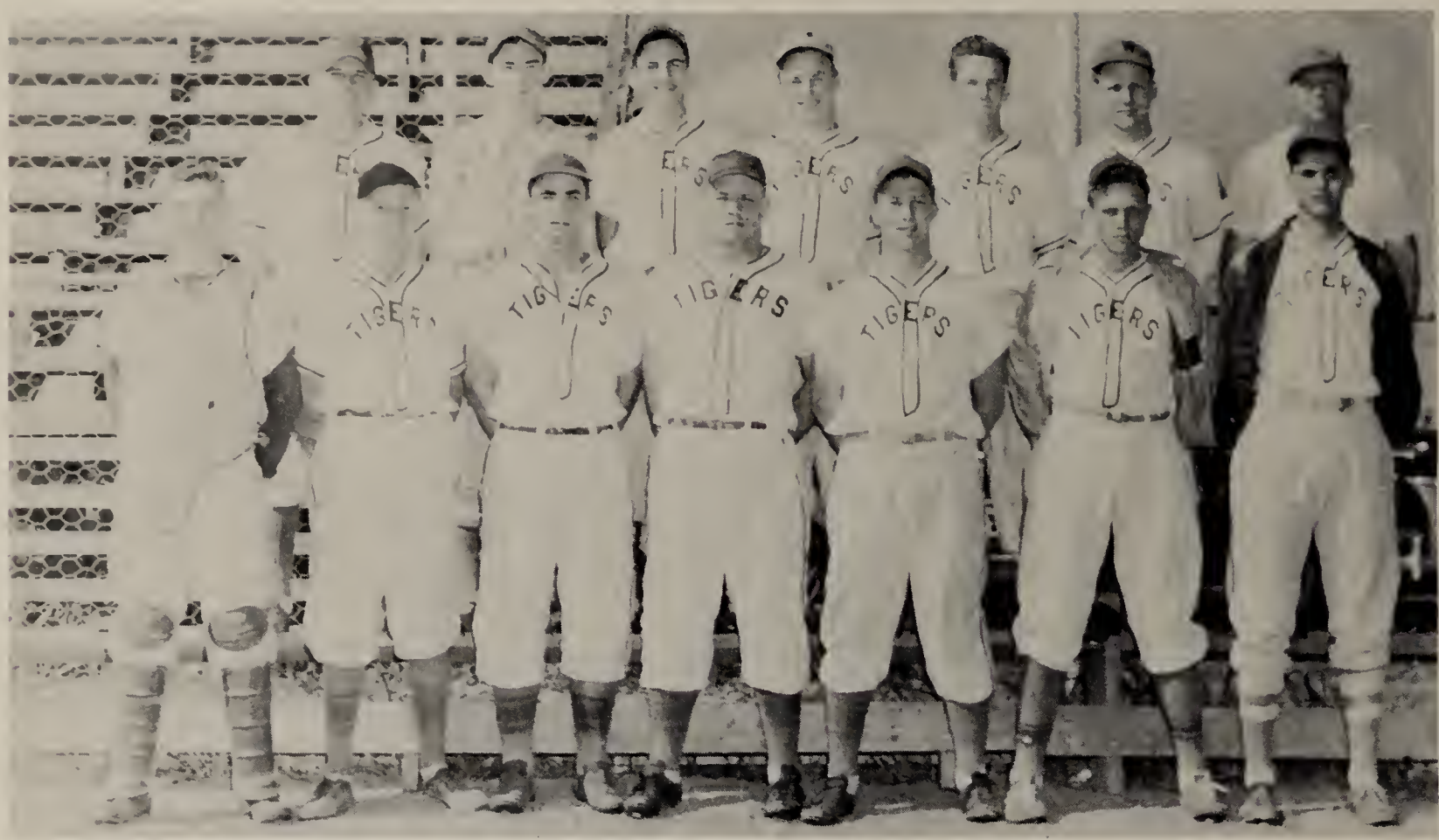
Above: Levine broad jumps at the District Meet.

Below left: George Hinze sails the discus at Bay City.

Below center: Cutbirth puts the shot at the District Meet.

Below right: Bobby Lyons comes in for a landing.

Baseball '51



Front row: Norman Bergmann, Leroy Urbanek, Bill Cline, Carl Shannon, Charles Davis, Carl Reynolds, Vernon Ullmann.

Back row: Charles Matthys, Franklin Polasek, Gorden Barker, Marvin Felder, Treldon Cutbirth, John Sanders, Coach Mangum.

The prolonged football season caused by the state football championship play-off made the interest in spring sports low in Wharton High School, and baseball had a poor season.

Five seniors were lost by graduation and two players were lost by transfer. The remaining group is determined to make a better showing in 1952.

Urbanek tags a man out at third.

Ullmann warms up.

Baseball '52

Front row: Lyndon Holcomb, James Robertson, Elmer Rod, Arthur Alvarado, Dennis Frauenberger, Ernest Hoffman, Bruce Felder, Carter Helms, Manager.

Back row: Coach Carver, Vernon Ullmann, Harold Hoffman, Carl Reynolds, Treldon Cutbirth, Leon Contreras, Charles Matthys, Franklin Polasek, Norman Bergmann.

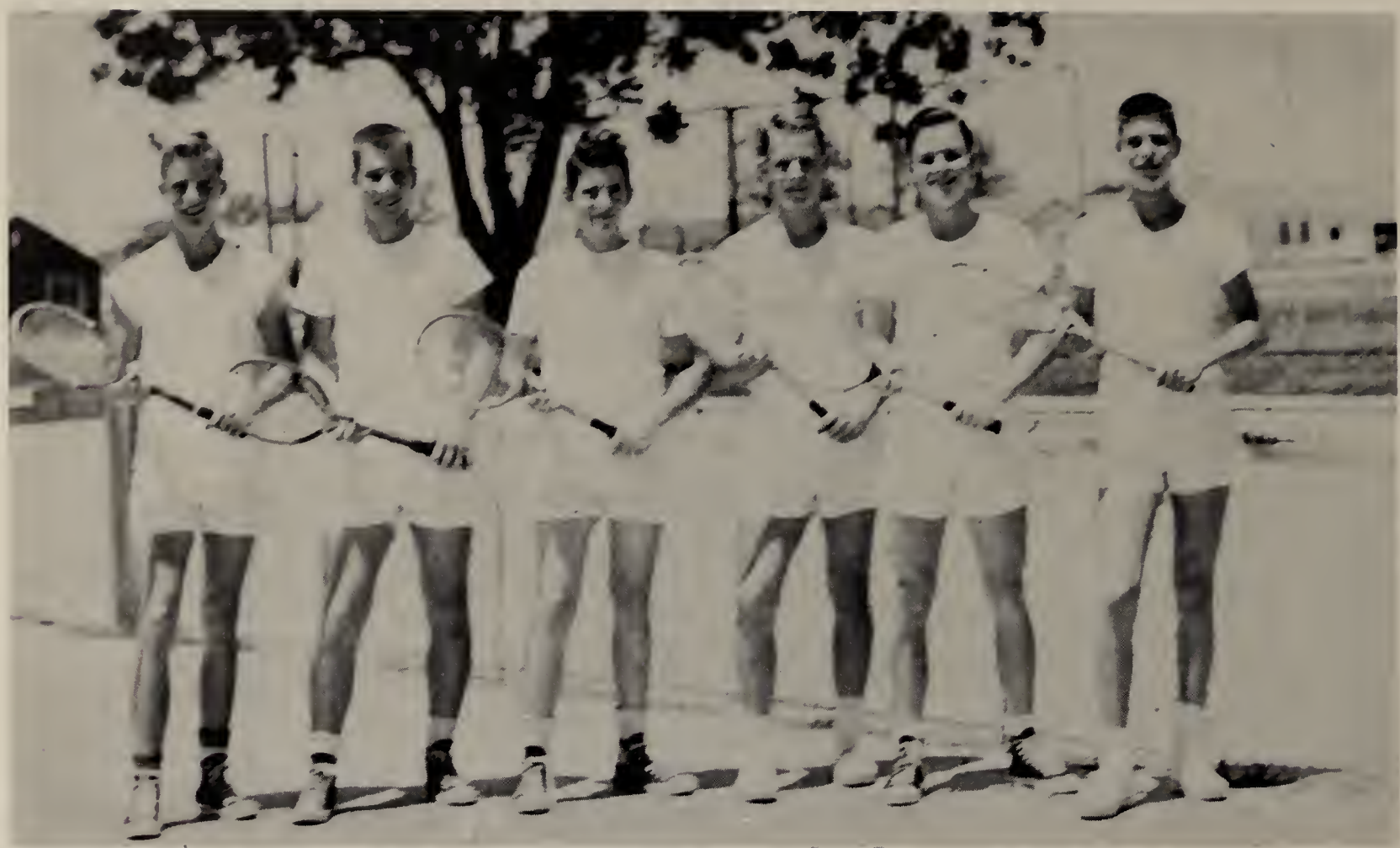
The group remaining from last year's team was greatly strengthened by the help of several players transferred from Pierce. The Tigers went through district play with seven games won and three lost, thereby taking second place.

Encouraged by the fact that only three team members will be lost by graduation, the Tigers are looking forward to another successful season in 1953.

Hoffman ducks a wild pitch.

Reynolds slides into first.

Tennis



Bobby Lyons, Ernest Hoffman, Dennis Frauenberger, Don Shannon, Billie Davidson, Hugh Killin.

At District Meet Frauenberger and Hoffman played doubles and Bobby Lyons played singles in the senior division. Junior representatives were Shannon and Killin in doubles and Frazier in singles.

Lyons and Frazier get in some practice.

Ann Derdan and Jerry Jones' play Shirley Black and Billy Kamerer.

FOOTBALL

First row: Michulka, White, Slaughter, Vincent, Stafford, Butler, Reding. Second row: Perez, Duke, Swank, Carmichael, Helms, Cruz, Newlin, Griffin, Coach Symmank. Third row: Kopecky, Derdan, Hobizal, Risinger, Drenner, Wilbeck, White.

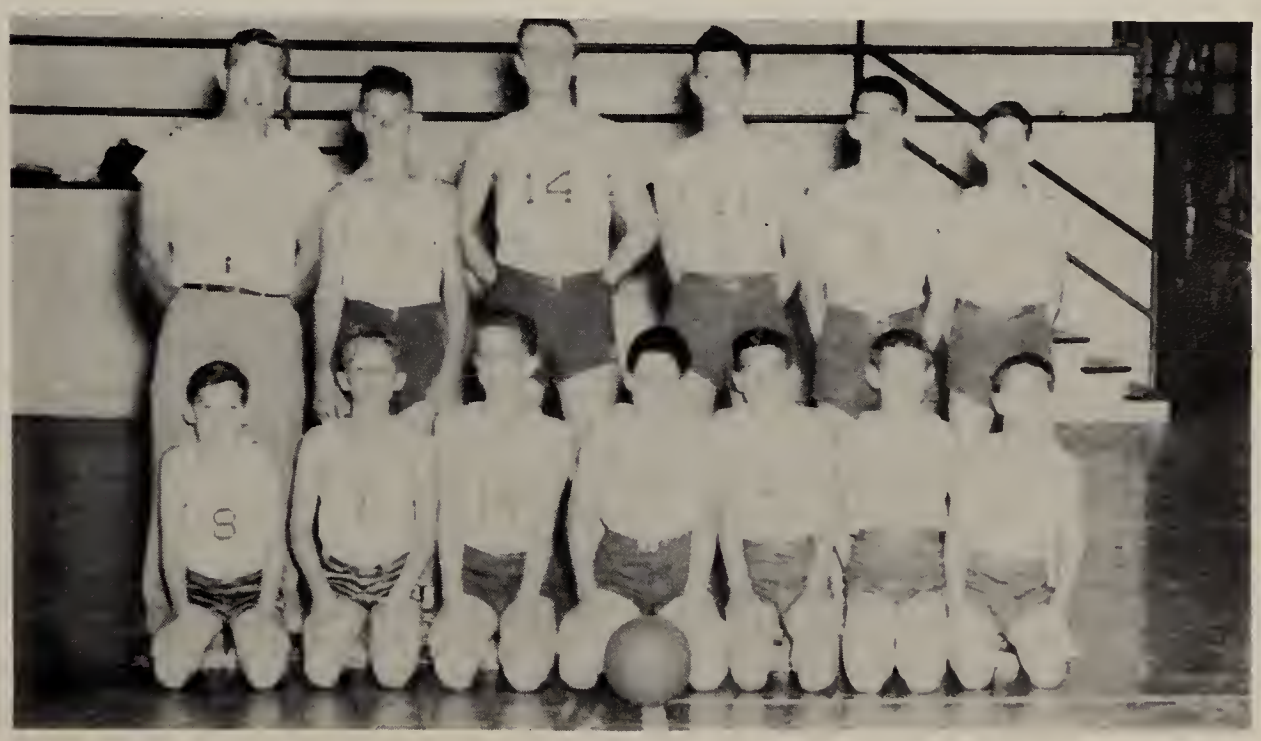
JUNIOR ATHLETICS

TRACK

First row: Swank, Brown, Perez, Slaughter.
Second row: Coach Symmank, Hobizal, Risinger, Ullman, Drenner.

First row: Carlton, Helms, Smith, Derdan, Barker, Swank, Slaughter.
Second row: Coach Symmank, Hobizal, Risinger, Ullmann, Drenner, Carmichael.

BASKETBALL



Cheer Leaders

High School athletic teams were urged on to victory by cheering groups led by Judy Rhea, Aileen Matula, Ann Johnston, Head Cheerleader; Lorraine Svatek and Doris Horton.

Junior High

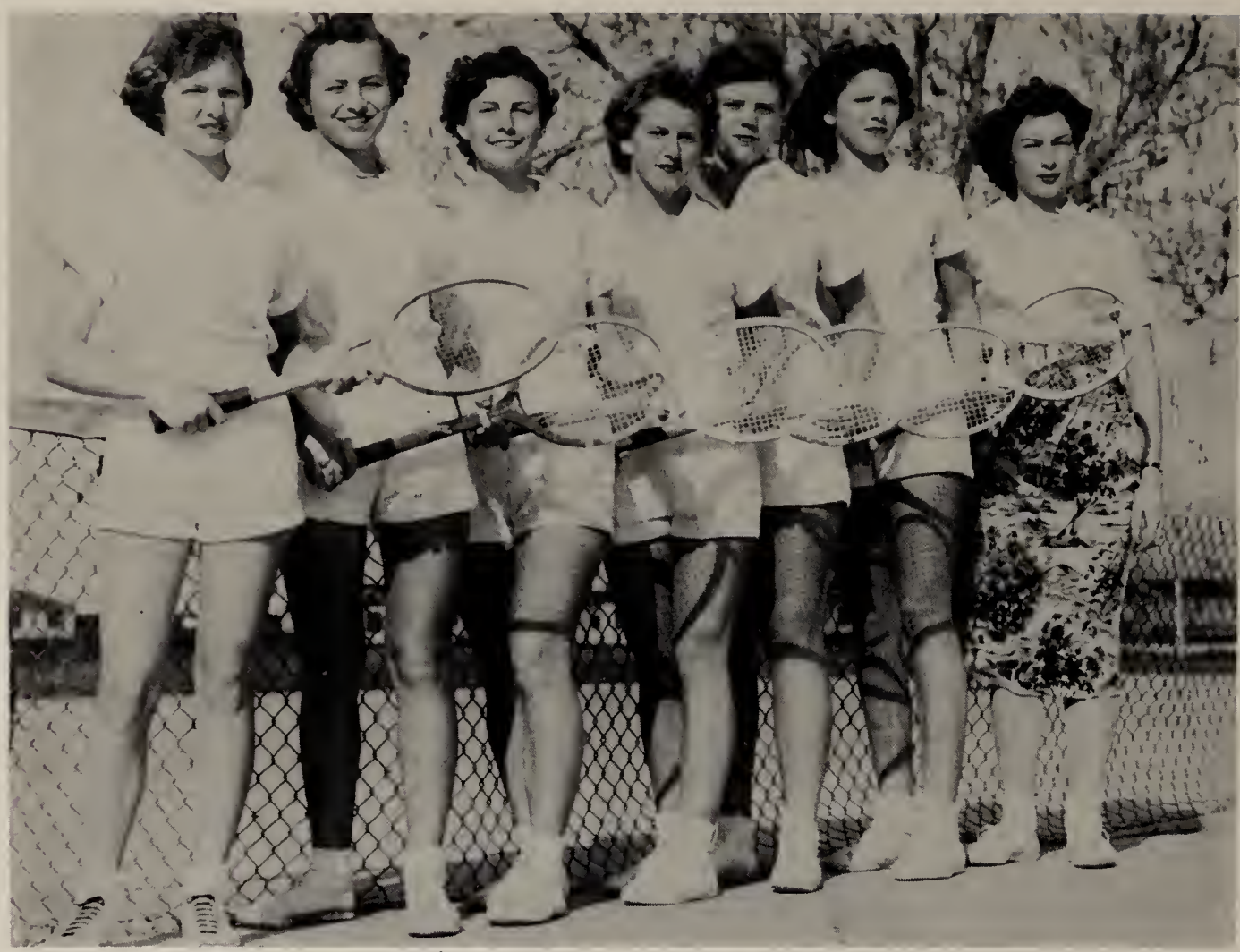
The Junior High School selected as its cheerleaders Hattie Jo Wishert, Mildred Sliva, Lucille Herrington, Wanda Waggoner and Frankie Jean Mills.

Tennis '51

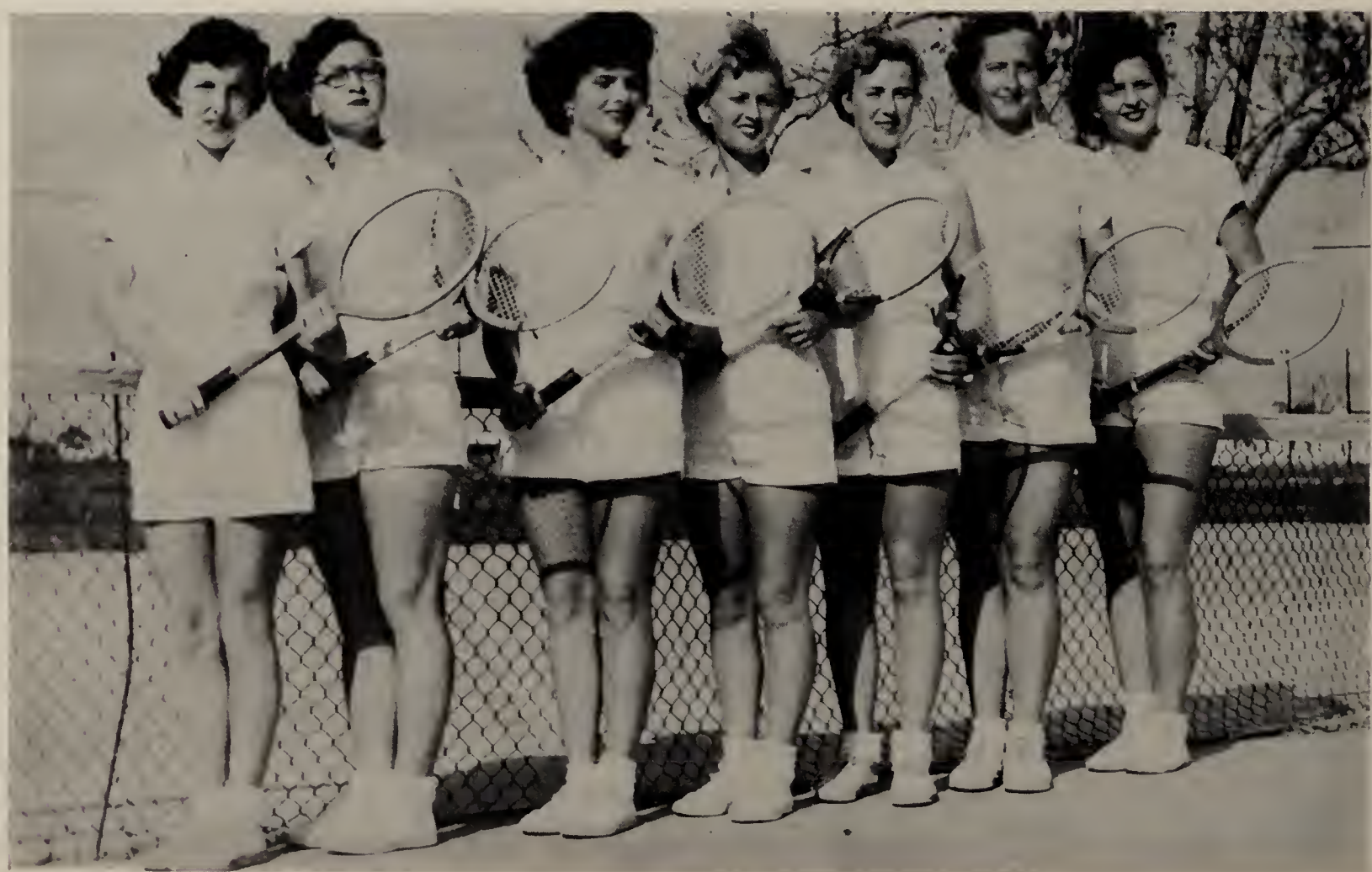
Juniors: Jacquelyn Davidson, Doubles; Shirley Frazier, Diana Hester, Doubles; Janice Hayhurst, Singles. Kneeling: Marlene Hinze, Sandra Green, Emily Davidson.

Seniors: Aileen Matula, Ann Johnston, Kappy Killin, Doubles; Lorraine Svatek, Doubles; Mary Ann Zubicek. Kneeling: Mildred Dluhos, Singles; Marlene Mazek, Mildred Janik.

Tennis '52



DISTRICT CONTESTANTS: Wanda Gulley, Junior Singles; Mildred Dluhos, Senior Singles; Lorraine Svatek, Senior Doubles; Velma Monc, Junior Doubles; Kappy Killin, Senior Doubles; Jeannette Novosad, Junior Doubles; Mrs. Nelson, Coach.
RUNNERS UP: Marlene Mazek, Mildred Janik, Janice Hayhurst, Mary Ann Zubicek, Sandra Sammons, Vivian Stammann, Jane Kaiser.



Volley Ball

A TEAM

Back: Sidonia Stavinoha, Vlasta Havran, Velma Honc, Lorraine Svatek, Mildred Janik, Irene Krause, Manager.

Front: Dorothy Zahn, Sue Chamblee, Vivian Stammann, Jeanette Novosad, Mary Ann Konvicka.

B TEAM

Martha Wendel, Dorothy Honc, .Mary Jane Svatek, Mary Ann Zubicek, Dorothy Ermis, Carline Krause, Erna Faye Reid.

SCORES THAT WON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

March 4	Wharton 15, 15	Boling	2, 9
March 6	Wharton 15, 15	Lamar	8, 7
March 13	Wharton 15, 15	Bay City	0, 9
March 18	Wharton 15, 15	El Campo	5, 8
March 20	Wharton 15, 15	West Columbia	1, 4
March 21	Wharton 15, 15	Boling	9, 2
March 25	Wharton 15, 15	Lamar	1, 3
April 1	Wharton 15, 15	West Columbia	8, 1
April 4	Wharton 15, 15	Bay City	9, 3
April 8	Wharton 15, 15	El Campo	4, 10

Junior Team

A TEAM

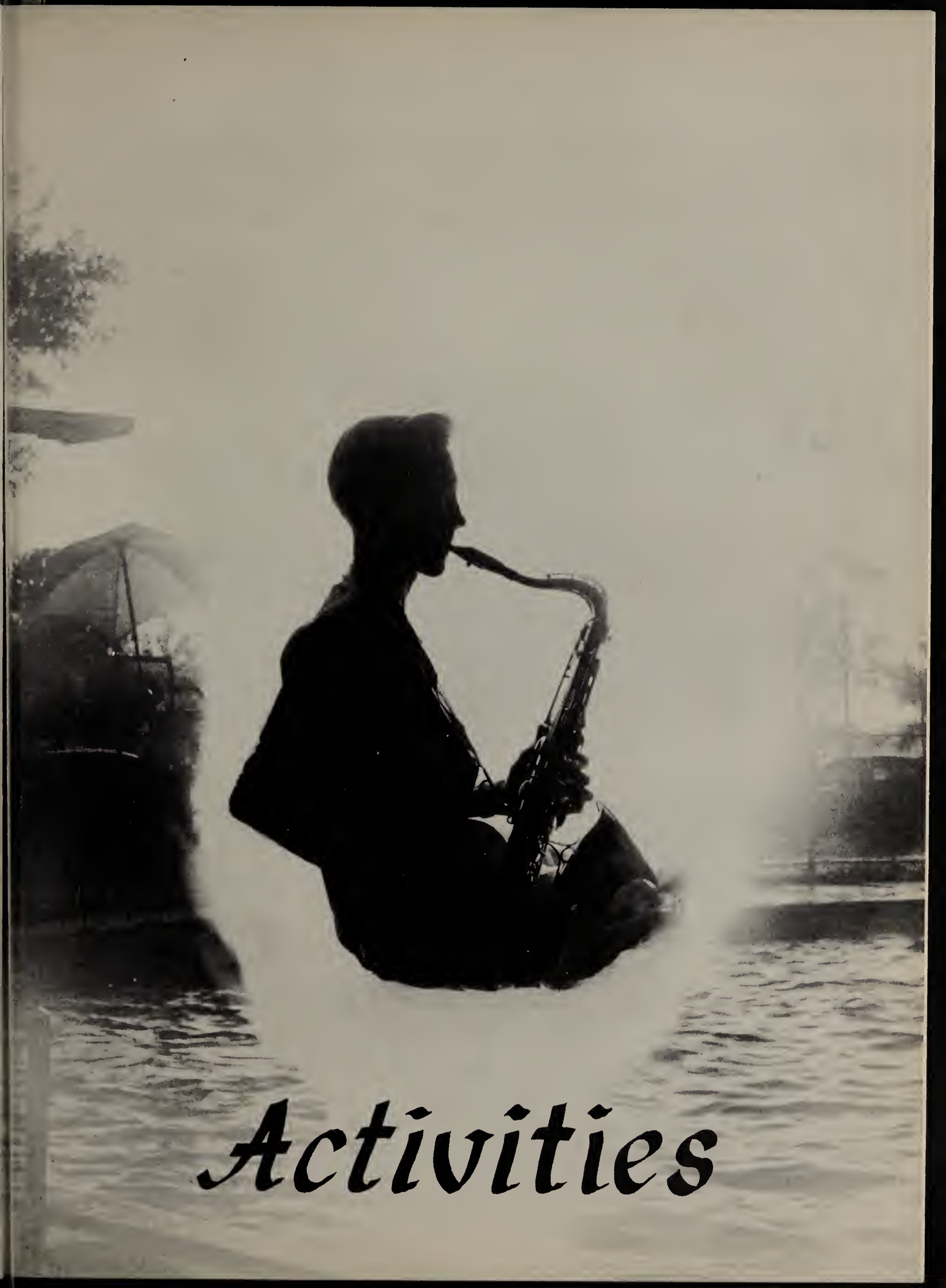
Front row: Jerry Morris, Ann Barton, Wanda Waggoner, Loretta Kostka, Alice Horelica.

Back row: Hattie Wishert, Carolyn Josey, Shirley Brown, Joyce Roberts, Bernice Stavena.

B TEAM

Front row: Dorothy Stavena, Kathryn Ullmann, Margaret Cavazos, Eloisa Belasquez, Glenda Cunningham.

Back row: Barbara McLean, Georgia Bedynek, Sue Scarborough, Esperanza Macias, Joyce Erdelt.



Activities

Annual Staff

Mary Lillian Blasingame, Assistant Editor; La Rue Felder and Aileen Matula, Co-Editors, Larkin Marquess, Head Photographer; Barbara Roth, Business Manager; Ben Breder, Art Editor; Kappy Killin, Assistant Editor; and Sarah Stallings, Publicity Manager, plan the 1952 Argonaut.

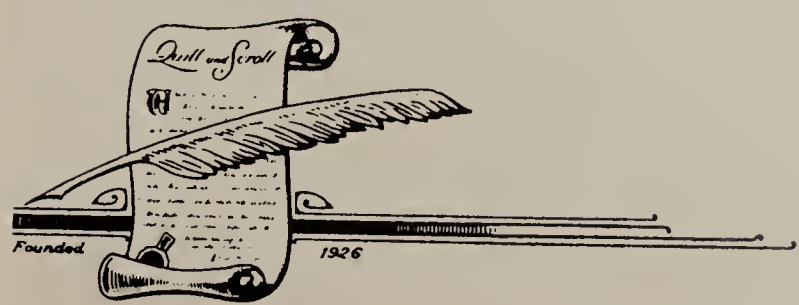
Mary Kay Morgan, Tommy Risinger, Diana Hester, Frank Sorrel, Marlene Hinze, Lester Wallace, Lorraine Svatek, Mary Ann Konvicka, Nelda Owens and Elaine Cezeaux were elected by their classes to sell annuals and to check rolls.

Conchita Sosa, Pat Morris, Dorothy Zahn, Dorothy Buller, Mary Mendoza and Vernon Ullmann did typing and lay-outs.

Anne Derdan, Lane Johnston, Bruce Gilmer, Peggy Cline and Nelda Owens took, developed and printed pictures.

Booster salesmen Joyce Macha, Earl Hager, Ronnie Matthys, Janet Chadwick, Finance Chairman; Bubbie Frazier, Eddie Pilcik and Donald Guess raised money.

Section editors Ann Johnston, Girls' Sports; Frances Rugeley, Classes; Marlene Mazek, Organizations; Caroline Sembera, Lay-outs; Bruce Felder, Boys' Sports; and John Sanders, Personalities, planned the dummy.



Aileen Matula, La Rue Felder, Barbara Roth, Larkin Marquess, Kappy Killin, Mary Lillian Blasingame and Sarah Stallings were elected to membership in Quill and Scroll.

Forensic Club

Back: Joyce Foster, Antonio Marquez, Aileen Matula, Reporter; Dorothy Buller, President; Dorothy Zahn, Janet Chadwick, Lodell Ramsower, Song Leader; Mrs. Lulu Monkhouse, Sponsor.
Front: Ben Breder, Daniel Mendoza, Eddie Pilcik, Secretary-Treasurer; Joyce Marie Macha, Sergeant-at-Arms; Mary Ann Zubicek.

Paper Staff

Barbara Roth, Society Editor; John Sanders, Sports Editor; Sarah Stallings, Assistant Editor; Charles Matthys, Editor; Doris Horton, Business Manager; Aileen Matula, News Editor; Frank Svatek, Exchange Editor; Mrs. Lulu Monkhouse, Sponsor.

F.H.A.

Dorothy Honc, Lorraine Svatek, Shirley Girndt, Irene Krause, Olene Holeske, Lou Ann Ponder, Becky Lopez, Billie Perrin, Virginia Ullman, Marlene Mazek, Erna Fay Reid, Meredith Wilbourn, Caroline Sembera, Lillian Konvicka, Joyce Macha, Vivian Stammann, Vlasta Havran, Alice Gonzales and Teresa Hernandez served the F.F.A. Banquet.

Shirley Girndt presents gifts to Chapter Beaux Joe Joines and Norman Bergmann.

OFFICERS

IRENE KRAUSE, Historian
LOU ANN PONDER, Parliamentarian
MARY ANN KONVICKA, Treasurer
CAROLINE SEMBERA, Rep.
VIVIAN STAMMANN, President
VLASTA HAVRAN, Vice President
LORRAINE SVATEK, Secretary
LILLIAN KONVICKA, Song Leader
DOROTHY ZAHN, Parliamentarian

F.F.A.

Billy Dorris, Karl Luco, David Stewart, Sentinel; Vernon Ullmann, President; Mr. Buffington, Sponsor; George Legler, Reporter; Charles Bucek, LeRoy Dornak, Tony Hamilton and Gordon Koonce, Vice President, helped serve the F. H. A. Banquet.

Dickie Williams and Bobby Lyons won ribbons at the fair with their beef calves.

Sammy Samohyl shows his grand champion cross-bred heifer and Vernon Ullmann his prize-winning dairy heifer won in the calf scramble.

Mr. Buffington poses with Bobby Lyons and his reserve champion capons.

Left: Mr. Buffington presents to Gordon Koonce the Dekalb Agriculture Achievement Award.

Right: F. F. A. Sweethearts Ann Johnston and Mary Kay Morgan.

Below: Gordon Koonce, Ben Breder and George Legler help set up the club exhibit at the Wharton County Fair.

Below: Wayne Rimmer with his Grand Champion rabbit.

Office Assistants

Barbara Roth, Doris Horton, Ann Johnston, Mr. Juluis Gensberg, principal; Shirley Frazier, Pat Morris, Janet Chadwick, Mary Frances Hallford and Joyce Ann Foster, not pictured.

Junior Choir

Johnny Blasingame, Terry Vincent, Stephen Smith, Jimmy Butler, Tommy Reding, Maner Stafford, Lois Miller, Patsy Oliver, Wynell Pool, Alice Polasek, Georgia Bedynek, Alice Horelica, Loretta Koska, Venda Bowles, Clarice Heintschel, Linda Bahner, Jo Ann Gard, Lu Claire Rowe, Patsy Stunz, Martha Lynn Meyer, Carolyn Josey, Dixie Toney and Mary Elizabeth Morris.

Choir

SOPRANOS:

Shirley Baca, Gay Nell Bennetsen, Betty Nan Blasingame, Mary Lillian Blasingame, Ruth Brandt, Dorothy Buller, Margaret Cavazas, Elaine Cezeaux, Janet Chadwick, Patsy Cozier, Emily Davidson, Mildred Dluhos, Virginia Dluhos, Catalina Garcia, Shirley Girndt, Naomi Lopez, Joyce Marie Macha, Mary Ann Machann, Marlene Mazek, Mabel Ann McMicken, Frankie Jean Mills, Johnny Mae Miska, Nelda Owens, Agnes Polasek, Gayle Rhea, Barbara Roth, Betty Flo Rugeley, Frances Schaller, Julia Sue Stafford, Rosemary Stock, Mary Lou Vincent, Virginia Ullman, Marlene Hinze, Patsy Oliver, Venda Bowles, Mollie Jo Forgason, Joyce Early, Jo Ann Gard, Patsy Roecker, Nancy Hudgins, Clarice Heintschel, Betty McDade, Lou Clair Rowe.

ALTOS:

Ann Barton, Sarah Bolton, Peggy Cline, Jacquelyn Davidson, Anne Derden, Joyce Erdelt, Shirley Jo Frazier, Sandra Green, Diana Hester, Jane Kaiser, Kappy Killin, Freddie Lingner, Barbara McLean, Mary K. Morgan, Lodell Ramsower, Frances Rugeley, Sandra Sammons, Caroline Sembera, Sarah Ann Stallings, Pearl Weaver, Sylvia Williams, Carole Vineyard, Pat Morris, Patsy Stunz, Martha Lynn Meyer, Patsy Shryer.

TENORS:

Vern Bell, Charles Bucek, Billie Davidson, Jimmy Derden, Bruce Gilmer, Royce Hudson, Charles Michulka, Wayne Rimmer, Donald Scarborough, Frank Sorrel, Maurice Wakefield, John Wilbeck, Jimmy Lane, Tommy Redding, Johnny Blasingame, Jimmie Butler, Terry Vincent, Maner Stafford, Bobby Hodge.

BASSES:

Billy R. Kamerer, William Lane, Karl Luco, Allen R. Moers, Franklin Polasek, Johnnie Polasek, Tommie Risinger, Don Shannon, Oswald Ullmann, Zack Belcher, Earl Hager, George Hinze, David Huebner, Dee Russell McElroy, Daniel Mendoza, Louis Michulka, Eddie Pilcik, John Sanders, David Stewart, John Trow, Larry Wadler, Dickie Williams, Richard Slaughter, Donald Allen.

The Choir took part in the Tree of Light ceremony, Lions' Club Christmas program, sang at festivals at Victoria and Gonzales, and joined the band for a spring concert. At the University Interscholastic League Contest it won a I., superior rating.

The boys' quartet of Billie Davidson, Maurice Wakefield, Zack Belcher and Eddie Pilcik sang on many programs.

Dee Russel McElroy and Dorothy Buller were members of the All-State Choir.

The choir met each day at activity period on a non-credit, voluntary basis.

It is pictured here as it sang at the Junior Jamboree.

Band

CLARINETS:

Vern Bell, Yvonne Bennetsen, Ruth Brandt, Bill Casey, Janet Chadwick, Emily Colton, Billie Davidson, Jacqueline Davidson, Anne Derden, Mollie Forgason, Beverly Foster, Nancy Hudgins, Wanda Joines, Margaret Killin, Jane Kaiser, William Lane, Freddie Lingner, Charles Matthys, Ronald Matthys, Donna Lou Meyer, Dorothy Roper, Frances Rugeley, Rosemary Stock, Dickie Williams, Maurice Wakefield, Don Shannon, Earline Killebrew.

CORNETS:

Madeleine Abell, Donald Allen, Oren Frazier, Shirley Girndt, Billy Hubenak, Victor Kainer, Billy Ray Kamerer, Jimmy Lane, Mary Kay Morgan, Eddie Pilcik, Frankie Svatek, Oswald Ullmann, Vernon Ullmann, Betty Flo Rugeley.

FLUTES:

Shirley Baca, Betty Nan Blasingame, Sara Bolton, Shirley Frazier, Marlene Mazek, Agnes Polasek, Sarah Stallings.

OBOES:

Sandra Green, Lodell Ramsower.

BASS CLARINETS:

Dorothy Buller, Peggy Cline, Shirley Horton, Caroline Sembera.

BASSOONS:

Mary Lillian Blasingame, Ada Schaller.

SAXOPHONES:

Stanley Bedynek, Elaine Cezeaux, Emily Davidson, Marlene Hinze, Jimmie Locke, Louis Michulka, Wayne Rimmer, Patsy Roecker, Richard Slaughter, Leon Spence, John Wilbeck.

BARITONES:

Thomas Dixon, Hugh Killin, Daniel Mendoza, Dee Russell McElroy, Tommy Risinger, Frank Sorrell.

FRENCH HORNS:

Charles Bucek, David Huebner, Jean Ann Mills, Allen Ray Moers, Pat Morris, Johnny Polasek, Jimmie Timmerman, Dorothy Toney. TROMBONES: Earl Hager, Tony Hamilton, John Sanders, Julia Sue Stafford, Carole Vineyard, Larry Wadler, Gayle Rhea.

BASSES:

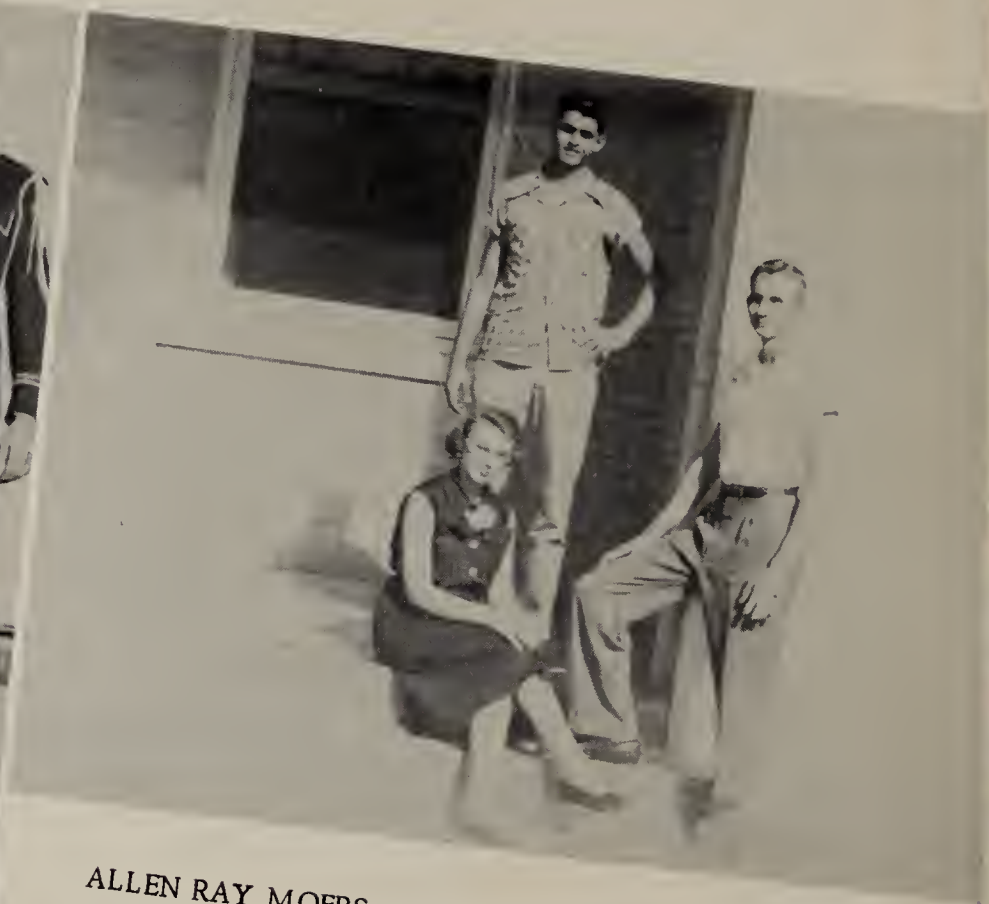
Edwin Bucek, Bruce Gilmer, Karl Luco, Franklin Polasek, David Sciba. PERCUSSION: Zack Belcher, Shirley Black, Diana Hester, Barbara Roth, Betty Shoppa, Sylvia Williams.

Below: The cornet section was selected as the outstanding section of the year. SARAH STALLINGS, President; VERNON ULLMANN, Secretary; and EDDIE PILCIK, Vice President; were band officers.

Opposite page left: DAVID HUEBNER was selected over many contestants to play in the All-State Band.

Right: CHARLES BUCEK carried out faithfully his responsibility of getting the instruments to out-of-town concerts.

Center: The band was led by twirlers MARY KAY MORGAN, LODELL RAMSOWER, BETTY ANN SHOPPA, and RUTH BRANDT and drum major, DAVID HUEBNER.



ALLEN RAY MOERS received a superior rating as student director.

This saxophone ensemble of WAYNE RIMMER, LEON SPENCE, LOUIS MICHULKA, ELAINE CEZEAUX, PATSY ROECKER, and RICHARD SLAUGHTER was one of the many receiving I ratings at contest to bring the total to seventy-two in the band receiving a first on a solo or an ensemble.

Below left: Each of these bandsmen played first chair in his section.

Right: These section leaders had charge of many routine duties.

CONCERT BAND

Junior Band

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Jimmy Butler
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - Tommy Reding
Secretary-Treasurer - - - - - Tommy Michulka
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - - Charles Michulka

The band attended the Victoria and Van Vleck Music Festivals and the Southeast Music Contest in Houston, where it received a first rating in concert playing in C competition. It also played for various programs during the school year, such as the Elementary School Open House and the Musical Jamboree. Two of the students, Edwin Rainwater and Bobby Hodge, entered the solo contest for the first time.

CLARINETS:
Katherine Ullmann, Venda Bowles, David Ortiz, Jo Ann Gard, Joyce Lane Early, Wayne Tinsley, Taylor Jones, Eddie Faye Guttenberger, Wayne Rimmer, Janice Mazel, Reta Sherrill, David Bohner, Jo Wadler, Green Hudgins, R. A. Merrifield, Johnny Mae Miska.

CORNETS:
Bobby Hodge, S. L. Hulsey, Charles Michulka, Terry Vincent, Douglas Volding, Willard Buff, Tommie Michulka, Maner Stafford, Michael Norris, Jerry Slaughter, Sally Hempel, Rickey Colton.

BASSOONS:
Patricia Oliver, Tommy Barton. OBOE: Georgia Bedynek. SAXOPHONES: Tommy Smith, Jimmy Butler, Tommy Reding, Darwin Klingsporn, Richard Sosa.

BARITONES:
Gene Hobson, Linda Bahner. FLUTES: Patsy Stunz, Lou Clare Rowe. FRENCH HORNS: Clarice Heintschel, Johnny Blasingame, Monte Carmichael, Judy Carlton. BASS CLARINET: Martha Lynn Meyer.

TROMBONES:
Edwin Rainwater, Boyd Smith, Pearl Weaver, Alice Polasek. BASSES: Robert Bedynek, Irvin Ullmann, Jeff Sciba, Jimmy Kopecky, Royce Hudson. PERCUSSION: Mary Ann Machan, Jo Ann White, Reta Brown.

La Rue Felder puts on his football letterman's jacket just awarded in assembly.

Haircuts all round were the stakes in the traditional exes' game. Here Skippy and Donald exercise their right on Charles Buehring.

Diana Hester and Vicki Wood tap dance at the Junior Jamboree.

The first Mother-Daughter Banquet of the F. H. A. was served in the cafeteria of the new elementary school.

Students receiving no grade lower than B and as many A's as B's were awarded certificates of merit at the last assembly.

Mary Frieze on a float at the Wharton County Fair parade.

Above: The cast and stage crew of the annual play, "The Whole Town's Talking," take a curtain call.
Left: Ann Johnston, Joyce Macha, and Janet Chadwick take a look at Chester.
Left below: Sarah Stallings, Lodell Ramsower, Eddie Pilcik, and John Sanders in Act I.
Bottom left: Lodell Ramsower and John Sanders in the annual play.
Bottom right: Mrs. Cox leads the seniors in a sing-song at the Baptist banquet.

Above: The cast of the 1952 play, "Green Valley."
Center: Svatek and Levine working on the realistic set for "Green Valley."
Below: Dancing in a Dutch garden at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Above: Sammye Patton, Read Ramsower, and Mary Jean Schaller in a tense moment of the 1952 senior play.
Below: Excitement mounts in the mysterious atmosphere of "Ghost Wanted."

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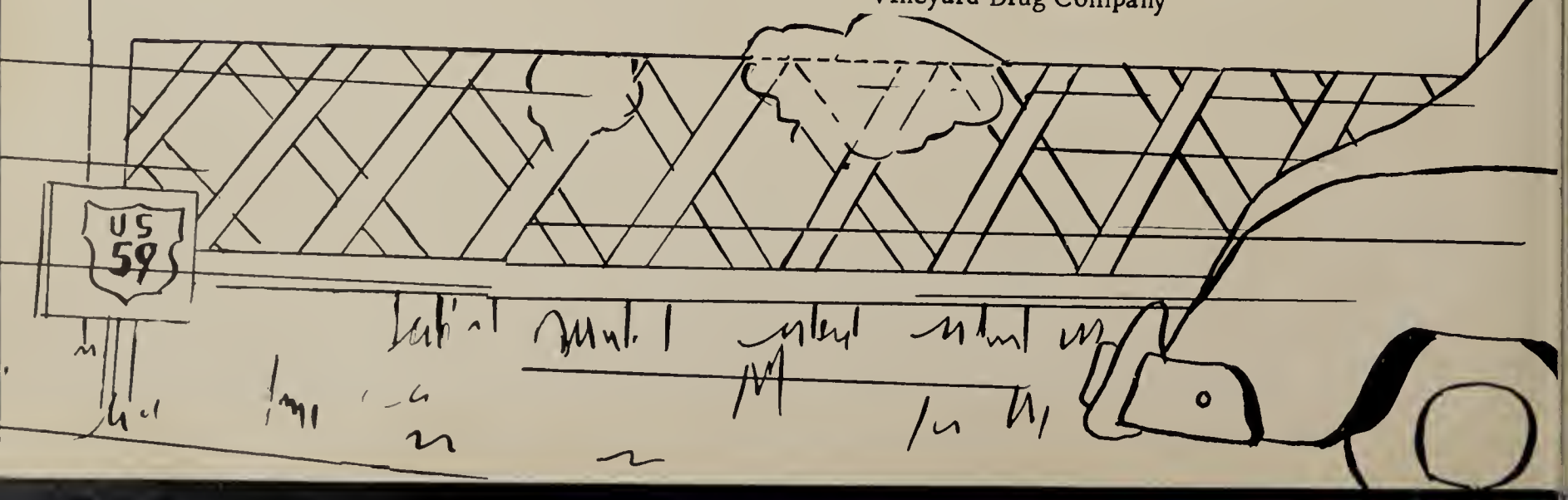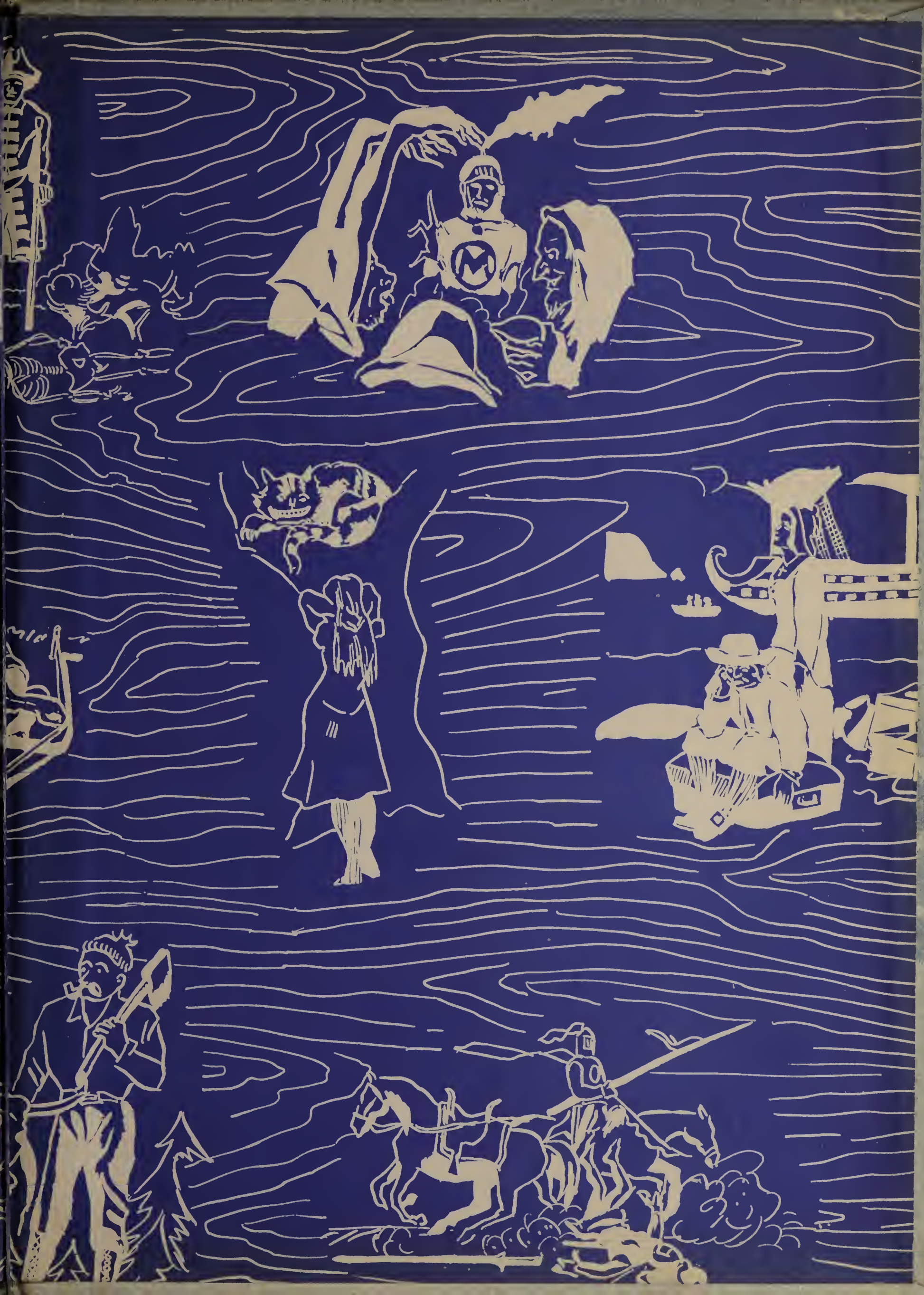
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